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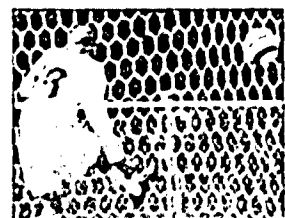
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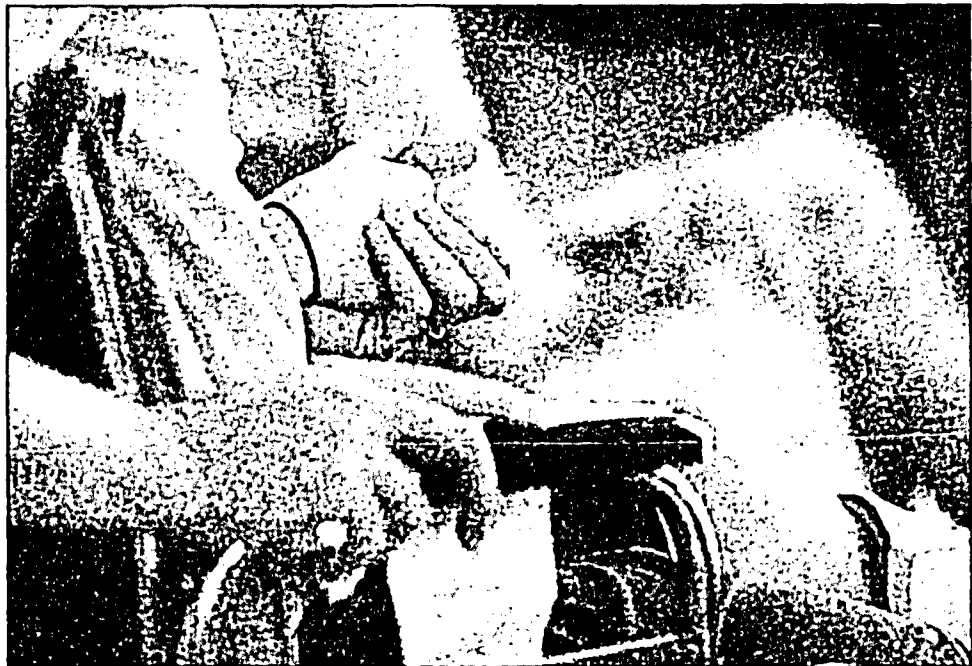
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A TRIBUTE



Thomas Robinson Whitworthian

ABOVE: First Lieutenant Forrest Ewens' parents, Michael and Carol Ewens of Gig Harbor, reflect on the life of their son in the Seeley G. Mudd Chapel Sept. 9.
RIGHT: Jared Dore, one of Ewens' friends from high school, listens at the memorial service.



Forrest P. Ewens, a 2004 Whitworth graduate, died while leading his soldiers on a combat mission in Afghanistan's Pech River Valley in mid-June. The purple heart and bronze star recipient was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Family members, friends, Gonzaga military officers and former professors gathered to reflect on Ewens' life on the Whitworth campus Sept. 9.

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Fingerprint replaces card and cash

Hannah Whitsel
Tim Takechi
Staff writers

Students now have easy access to off-campus meals with the touch of a finger.

Whitworth College has recently installed the IMYE system, which allows students, faculty and staff to buy meals on- and off-campus, without cash or student ID card.

Each time a student makes purchases through IMYE, the student scans their fingerprint to authorize payment. Pirate Bucs cannot be used to pay for the account, even though IMYE is partnered with Sodexo.

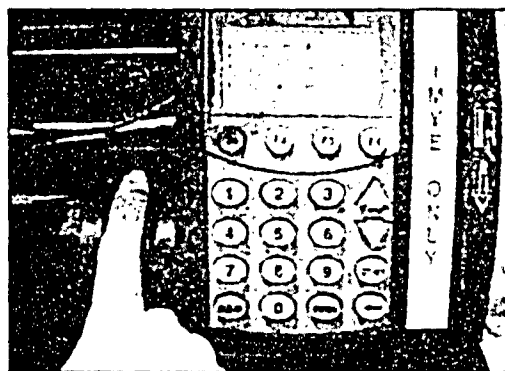
Students and parents can create an account at <http://www.imye.com>, where they can manage and transfer funds.

"It's an interesting way for students to be able to access off-campus vendors," said Jim O'Brien, Sodexo General Manager.

IMYE creates a more convenient and secure way for students to pay for meals on- and off-campus.

Gonzaga University started using the service last year. Charles Wesley, general manager of dining services at Gonzaga, said there have been some technical problems such as slow computer service, but IMYE has been working to clean up the glitches.

"Feedback is good. [Gonzaga students] think it's cool that they don't have to bring their wal-



Rachel Lynn Whitworthian

Instead of using cash, a student uses his fingerprint to buy lunch.

lets to downtown venues," Wesley said.

Sodexo met with student life representatives last spring and proposed installing the IMYE system on campus. The IMYE system has already established a partnership with Gonzaga, Spokane Falls Community College and Spokane Community College.

Students at Gonzaga responded well to the new program, said Wesley. The Faculty at Gonzaga, however, have felt uneasy about privacy issues.

Students can use the account to purchase at both Sodexo, the café and the Mind and Hearth. Off-campus locations include: Pizza Hut, Tomato Street, Papa John's, Bruchi's and Coldstone Creamery.

Although the technology has been in place at

a number of off-campus locations since the end of last year, business managers have not noticed a significant rise in the number of customers utilizing the system.

"We started using this last year, but not many people did it. But this year things have kicked up," said Cecilia Jansson, Assistant Manager at Papa John's.

All of the technology flukes in the system have yet to be worked out. Some businesses used a dial-up Internet connection, which slowed down the scanning process. In response, IMYE installed land access Internet free of charge.

IMYE recently sent repair crews to Tomato Street in order to fix some bugs in the system, which has already been up and running for the past year. Tomato Street wants to make the IMYE system more accessible to customers.

"[The IMYE repair crew] is supposed to have something that can be brought to the table," said Steven Germain, manager of Tomato Street.

Germain said if the IMYE system does not register a fingerprint, students can use their student ID number.

IMYE has integrated several security measures to protect its account holders from theft. The scanner translates each individual's fingerprint into an algorithm that the machine recognizes, instead of the fingerprint itself. There is also a series of fire-walls to protect the accounts. No files containing the account holder's personal information are kept on file.

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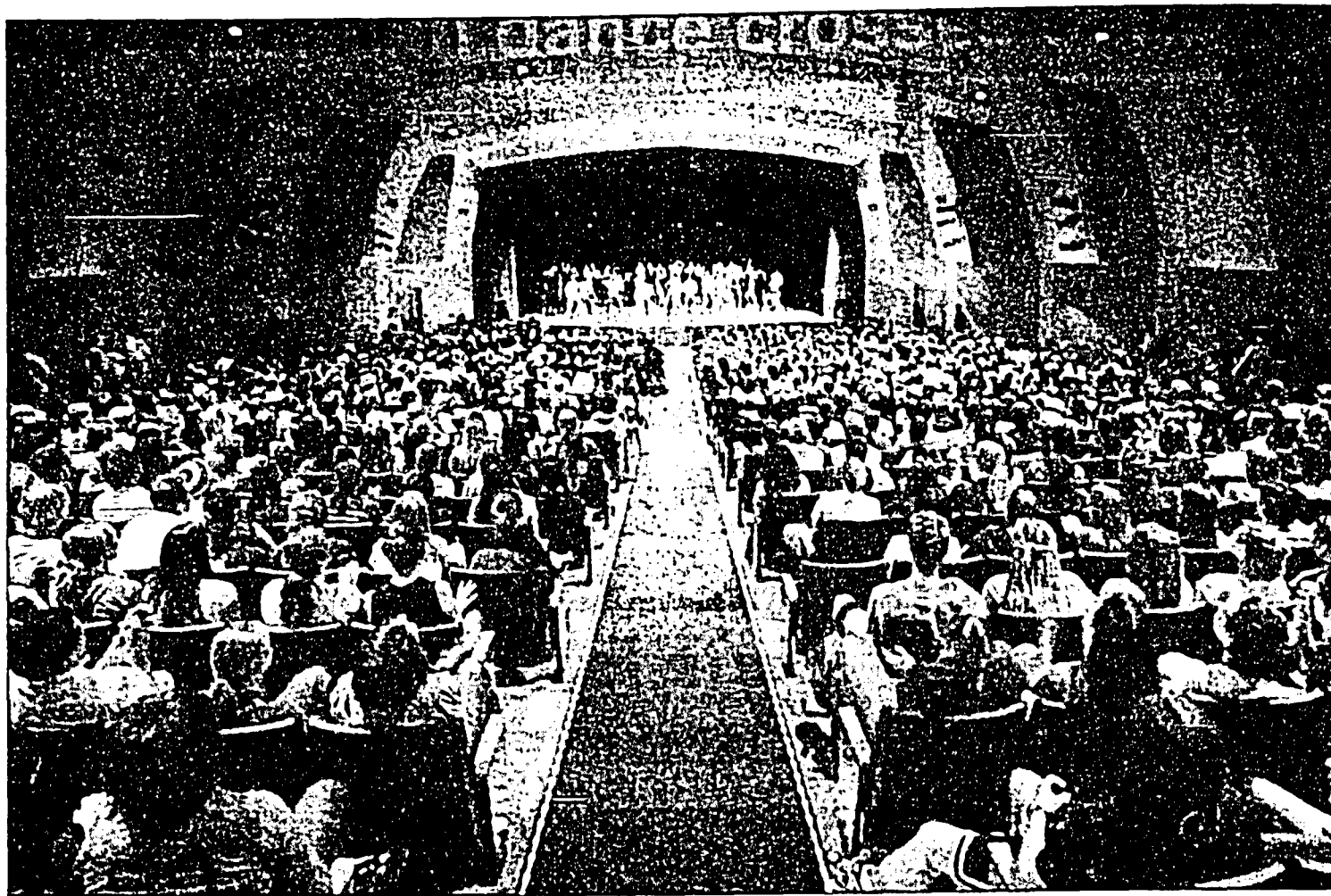
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Students and faculty watch freshmen performances during Mock Rock Sept. 5 in Cowles Auditorium. The after ceremonies, but not Mock Rock, may have to be adjusted next year because of a complaint.

Adjustments to Traditiation on the way

James Spung
Staff writer

New or adjusted Traditiation ceremonies may greet next year's freshmen class.

In response to an anonymous complaint regarding one residence hall's Traditiation practices this year, certain dorms may need to alter or rewrite parts of the process that introduces freshmen to Whitworth.

"There are some spots where there are things that need to be adjusted," said Dick Mandeville, associate dean of students. "Every once in a while, something may go just a little off-center and it's always a process of debriefing and adjusting, trying to make it the best program it can be."

While various aspects of Traditiation this year concerned administrators, Mandeville said that dorm alumni have been coming back and participating in activities with freshmen, which created a situation that could be considered hazing.

Due to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), which limits an administrator's ability to divulge specific aspects of students' educational records, Mandeville could not discuss the identities of students involved in this year's incident.

Mandeville also refused to confirm or deny whether he met with Traditiators following the

"We want students to feel a sense of connection larger than themselves in a safe, fun setting."

Dick Mandeville,
Associate Dean of Students

closing festivities. He did say that the secretive dorm ceremonies following Mock Rock will continue, although some dorms will have to revise them.

Dayna Coleman Jones, associate dean of students and director of HUB and student activities, stressed that adjustments to Traditiation have happened a number of times over the years and this year is not a special case.

"The laws [pertaining to hazing during induction ceremonies] keep getting more and more narrow as to what we can do," Coleman Jones said.

Modifications were also made after last year's Traditiation, Mandeville said.

Mandeville and Coleman Jones made it clear that they want to continue to meet the main goals of Traditiation while doing away with practices that could cause an unsafe environment.

"We want students to feel a sense of connection larger than themselves in a safe, fun

setting," Mandeville said.

Whitworth alumni who went through Initiation, which is now called Traditiation, remember both uniquely positive and slightly uncomfortable experiences.

"It certainly created a common bond among the residents of a dorm and more quickly than would've happened naturally," said Greg Orwig, director of communications, who initiated with BJ in 1987. He did mention that some practices seemed "borderline unsafe," such as running through the Back 40 in the dark.

Assistant professor Alan Mikkelsen, who initiated with Stewart in 1996, remembered a very positive experience but cautioned against giving freshmen an unpleasant first impression of Whitworth.

"I would hate to have a new student come to Whitworth and find out that this wasn't the school that he or she was expecting to go to," Mikkelsen said. "We want to be careful about the message we send to new students."

Whatever the changes, administrators hope to retain the positive spirit of Traditiation and allow for creativity, fun and a measure of freedom.

"We don't know everything that happens at the ceremonies," Mandeville said. "We trust the students in that regard and most of the time it's great stuff. If it's not, then we need to talk to folks about it."

Whitworth
Speaks
OUTDoes
Traditiation
go too far?Lindsay Rodin
Freshman

"I didn't think it crossed any boundaries. It was a lot to handle at first, but once you got into it, it was cool."

Karl Jones
Sophomore

"It doesn't go far enough. It's like summer camp. I wish there was, like, pranks and stuff."

Michael Chansavang
SeniorAmber Matthal
Senior

"I don't know. I skipped traditiation. I was running. The only thing I attended was dinner because I was hungry."

- Compiled by De Andra Kenoly

Printing could cost students

Nathan Harrison
Staff writer

New policy aimed at curtailing waste

The library does not want to have students start paying for printouts, but that may be the answer if efforts at curtailing waste do not start to reduce the million-and-a-half pages turned out by campus printers every school year.

The Instructional Resources department has been looking at programs designed to help cut down on printer waste by monitoring individual printer use and stopping unnecessary print jobs before they end up in the recycling bin.

"We did a little pilot this summer, but we turned the program off for the beginning of the semester. There likely will be a time that we would probably look at restarting that; you may see it yet this fall," said Ken Pecka, director of instructional resources.

The leftover signs from this summer's test run in some library computer labs had students concerned that fees for printing were in the near future.

"At this point we'd just be monitoring usage," said Hans Bynagle, library director. "If we noticed any egregiously wasteful printing, we might let those students know personally. The main idea is just to get a handle on how much people are printing."

The one-and-a-half million pages that were produced in the last academic year translate into over \$70,000 in paper costs alone.

"That \$70,000 is purely paper costs, not toner, not depreciation on the printer, so we're looking to get our printer demands down," Pecka said.

Student impatience and inattention can also be a factor in contributing to printer waste.

"[Waste] happens quite a bit, more so during the school week. One thing I see a lot is instead of just printing off the paragraph they need, [students] print all five pages and just take the page they want," said senior Brent Unruh, a lab assistant in the library.

Duplicate print jobs, caused when the same document is sent to a printer multiple times, also add to waste by creating unnecessary copies and bogging down print times, leading hurried students to create even more duplicate jobs.

The total volume of pages printed is inflated still further by non-academic projects being produced on campus printers.

"I don't want to nickel and dime students, but I don't know that the college should pay to print song sheets for Young Life groups, or handouts for elementary school classrooms," Pecka said.

If simply asking students to police themselves isn't effective in reducing waste, fees may be one of the alternative solutions.

"I know some students would say, 'I pay a lot of money for tuition, shouldn't that cover printing?' And you're right, tuition does pay for some things. But if I'm wasting \$20,000 a year on wasteful printing, that's pretty hard to defend," Pecka said.

In fact, Whitworth hasn't always provided students with free access to printers.

"There was a time when we had a system like that, and this was a few years ago, but we moved away from it," Bynagle said.

At that time, printing delays and technical difficulties were the primary motivations for abandoning the pay-to-print system; a problem the library is hoping to avoid with whatever system it adopts in the future.

"We're trying to find one that's really not obtrusive to the process and has a minimal impact on how labs are currently used, as well as simple from the administrative angle," Pecka said.

Should Whitworth adopt a paid plan, students are concerned about the cost for classes like Core 350 which have lengthy readings on Blackboard.

"If we start treating Blackboard resources like textbooks, we don't pay



Photo illustration by Alyssa Jones/Whitworthian

This photo illustration demonstrates how students may have to pay for printing as early as next spring, but administrators are hopeful to avoid charges.

for your textbooks," Pecka said. "I do think there is a minimum the college should pay. Hopefully we'll get some student input. Obviously, if we start putting things up we'll hear right back."

In any case, the timeline for any changes at all is unlikely to begin soon.

"Most likely, we're going to need some pretty good baseline data before we change anything," Pecka said.

Pecka said he would be surprised if charging to print was started by spring.

Above all, Pecka hopes that students get the message that right now, they are partly responsible for their own fate.

"I've never been a fan of paying for printing; I just have a hard time defending that at a million-and-a-half pages a year," Pecka said. "Hopefully, if we can reduce waste, it won't come to that."

World BRIEFS

Bush, Senate disagree over terror laws

President Bush urged the Senate last Wednesday to approve a bill allowing military tribunals to try terror suspects and to use coercion to gain information from the suspects. If the bill passes, it would require the redefinition of Geneva Conventions' Article III in order to prevent other countries from prosecuting CIA interrogators.

An opposing bill endorsed by a Senate committee the previous Thursday would allow terror suspects greater access to evidence against them and limit the use of evidence gained through coercion. A date has not been set for the vote.

PM Tony Blair to step down within the year

British Prime Minister Tony Blair said in a speech to a London school Thursday that he would resign within the year. The announcement came after a week of tension in the Labour Party and the resignation of eight junior members of Blair's administration.

Although Blair has been leader of the Labour Party for nearly a decade, his recent decisions concerning the Middle East have caused him to lose some popularity.

WHO approves use of banned insecticide

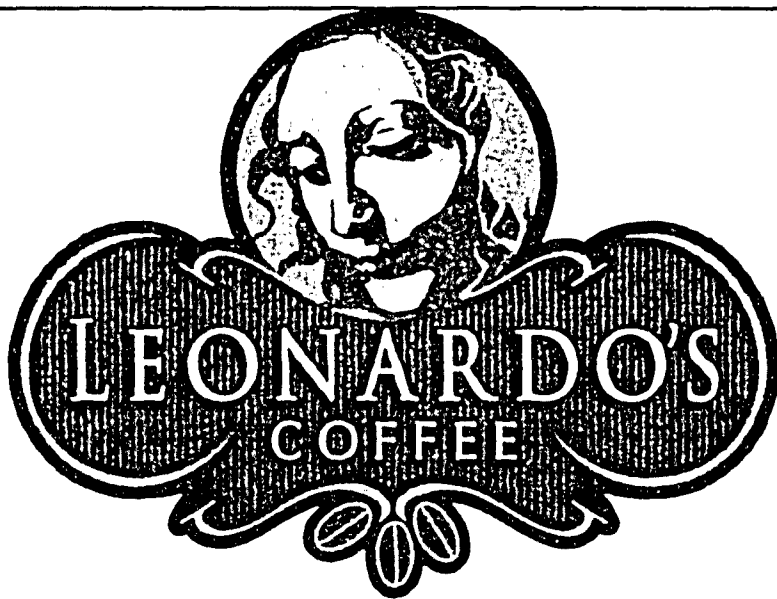
The World Health Organization (WHO) has approved the use of the insecticide DDT for preventing malaria. The chemical had previously been banned across the world, except in combating disease.

The chemical will be sprayed on the insides of houses in countries vulnerable to malaria. WHO officials say there is no risk to humans or the environment when DDT is used properly.

Muslim leaders say apology is not enough

Though Pope Benedict XVI has expressed he is "deeply sorry" for his remarks last Tuesday, many Muslim leaders have said this is not enough. In his speech, the pope quoted a 14th century emperor who claimed Muhammad had brought only "evil and inhuman" things to the West. The pope insists the quote was not a reflection of his personal opinion.

—Compiled by Rosa Gibbons



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Sodexo raises prices for cash meal payers

Karin Portenkirchner
Staff writer

The beginning of this semester included a surprise for people who wanted to pay cash for a meal in the dining hall: The prices have been raised by Sodexo from \$5.50 to \$5.90 for breakfast, \$7.30 for lunch and \$9 for dinner. While this caused some confusion at first, it is not the end of reasonably priced meals in the dining hall.

To avoid the price increases, members of the Whitworth community must put Pirate Bucs on their Whitworth ID-cards. With Pirate Bucs one meal costs \$5.75. However, outsiders will have to pay the increased price.

"Last year, to pay cash for every meal cost less than a student's meal plan," said Alan Jacob, assistant director of housing. He said Sodexo has now eliminated the discrepancy with this measure.

Dick Mandeville, associate dean of students, said the change is a way of keeping the price per meal down for members of the Whitworth community.

"Whitworth College has a tax-exempt status in certain areas, but only for community members. If outsiders come here to eat, they have to be charged a higher price," said Jim O'Brien, general manager of Sodexo.

Tom Johnson, vice president of business affairs, said the tax-exemption applies only as long as the main purpose is to educate students.

"We have to be careful not to overreach our bounds," Johnson said.

Campus BRIEFS

ASWC renews old readership program

ASWC voted to keep the New York Times and Spokesman-Review readership program last Wednesday. The decision was made after a constituency report was administered to students the previous week. Students chose to keep the program the same and not add a third newspaper, which would have been USA today.

By tomorrow, 60 copies of the New York Times and 60 of the Spokesman-Review will be available throughout campus for students.

Annual blood drive to be held in HUB café

The Red Cross will be holding its fall blood drive today from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Time slots for donations are still available.

Last fall, the Whitworth community donated a record amount of blood.

Sodexo removes raw spinach due to E. coli outbreak

As recommended by the Food and Drug Administration, Sodexo has removed all spinach products from its food selection until further notice. The restriction comes as a result of E. coli outbreaks in certain parts of the country.

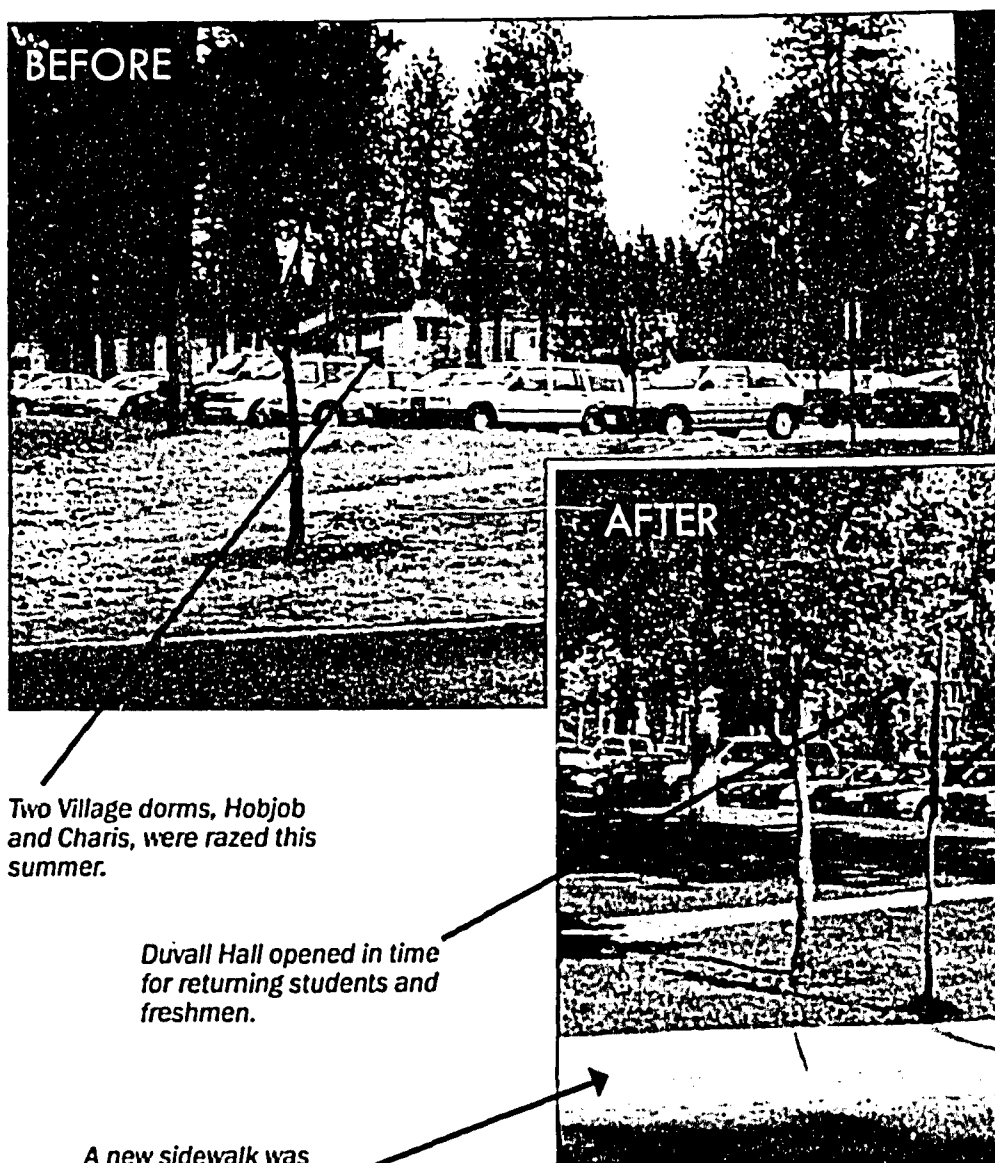
More than 102 cases of E. coli have been reported in 19 states including Washington, Idaho and Oregon. One of these has been fatal. Many stores have pulled their spinach from the shelves and the FDA is telling people to throw their spinach away.

Lecture to focus on effort to use coffee beans

Speaker Freddy Urbano will present "A Colombian Coffee Story" on Monday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. in Weyerhaeuser Hall's Robinson Teaching Theatre.

Urbano's presentation is co-sponsored by the Murdock Lives of Commitment Project at Whitworth and Witness for Peace Northwest, a grassroots organization that supports peace, justice and sustainable economies in the Americas. Witness for Peace Northwest promotes change in governmental policies and corporate practices that contribute to poverty and oppression in Latin America. Admission is free.

—Compiled by
Jessica Davis



Two Village dorms, Hobjob and Charis, were razed this summer.

Duvall Hall opened in time for returning students and freshmen.

A new sidewalk was constructed to improve pedestrian traffic.

New signage was added around campus.

TOP LEFT: A corner of the Stewart lawn reveals Duvall Hall during construction last January as well as the Village buildings. ABOVE: The newly constructed Duvall Hall stands in the background. A new sidewalk and sign were put in over the summer.

Thomas Robinson/Whitworthian

New dorm, updates grace campus

Tracey Brown
Staff writer

New and improved residence halls, the Mind and Hearth coffee shop and building identification signs were a few of the changes to campus unveiled last week.

Much has changed over the summer at Whitworth, but more additions are on the way. These include: an Ultimate Frisbee regulation-sized field, a new Fine Arts Building and a cover for a portion of the tennis courts.

Coming Soon

Many changes at Whitworth are just around the corner, according to Steven Thompson, director of capital projects.

A new Fine Arts Building is also in the works.

Construction on the \$6.5 million building, on the current site of Beyond Hall, could start before the end of the school year.

With a cost of \$1 million, an Ultimate Frisbee regulation sized field could be constructed as early as summer 2007.

A bubble covering a portion of the tennis courts is in the early planning stages. Thompson said a lead gift of between \$400,000 and \$500,000 has been received, but the total cost of the project is not yet known.

Residence Halls

Duvall Hall, a \$6.6 million project, opened in time for its 160 residents to move in this month.

Alan Jacob, assistant director of housing, said each Duvall "pod" houses between six and ten students. Each pod has between three and five double rooms, one living room and a bathroom with two sinks, two showers and two toilets.

"I think Duvall is fabulous," sophomore dorm resident Bethany Indahl said. "In Duvall you have lots of privacy, but you can still join the community if you want to."

Numerous changes were also made to existing dorms.

"We did a lot of the work in the bathrooms: BJ, McMillan and Arend all had their shower areas refurbished. The increased ventilation should create less mildew problems," said Edward Kelly, director of facilities services.

Paint jobs spruced up McMillan, Boppell and the Village.

The Village also received new carpet in the hallways and new lights and windows in its lounges.

Stewart's gutters and downspouts were replaced, and the fire exit stairs and railings were redone.

Coffee Shop

Approximately \$400,000 was spent on transforming the HUB lounge and Espresso Delights into the Mind and Hearth.

The new shop has a fireplace, big-screen TV, comfortable couches, barstool seating with lap-top plug-ins, wireless Internet and an updated coffee bar.

"The coffee shop has gotten very good reviews from everyone I've talked to," Kelly said. "One professor complained it was so nice the students would always be in it, and the faculty could never use it."

Signage

Whitworth's campus is easier to navigate, due to recently installed building identification, parking lot and vehicular directional signs.

The Exterior Signage and Wayfinding Committee was founded four years ago with the intent of getting a small number of signs for campus.

Although a complex task, Greg Orwig, director of communications, said the signs have helped pedestrian and vehicle traffic to navigate the campus.

The committee waited four years for their \$160,000 budget to be funded.

More signs are on the way, including: a campus map and map dispenser, signs for the buildings along Hawthorne Road, pedestrian directories and main parking lot maps and legends.

Orwig said he received inquiries from students about the layout of the residence hall signs last week.

Originally, the signs said "student residence" under the residence hall name; however, Student Life thought it better not to label these buildings for safety issues.

"For visual consistency, we didn't want to vary," Orwig said.

Ultimate Frisbee field could come soon

Tracey Brown
Staff writer

Construction of a regulation-sized Ultimate Frisbee field could begin as early as summer 2007.

The field would be located on the southwest corner of campus, requiring the demolition of several Whitworth-owned houses.

Cost and design are still being evaluated, but Steven Thompson, director of capital projects, said the field will cost an estimated \$1 million.

Junior Oliver Crocco, a Whitworth Ultimate Club team member, said he loves the idea of a regulation-sized field.

"It will be a great space for the Ultimate Club team as well as a way to help avoid injuries in the intramural games," Crocco said.

Crocco also feels that the regulation field would increase the seriousness of the sport.

"People would better understand the strategies and techniques in quality Ultimate, which will allow them to have more fun instead of just running around, even though that can be fun too," Crocco said.

The Ultimate Club team practices Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Crocco encourages those interested in joining the team to e-mail A.J. Hanenburg.

"The club team is a sweet way to get some great buddies, play a great game, and worship a great God," Crocco said.

Encore and Rock Coffee close down

Megan Rieger
Staff writer

Over the summer, landlord troubles plagued Encore Espresso & Bakery and Rock Coffee, forcing both shops to close.

Rock Coffee's closure occurred July 31, after they received a notice that effectively forced them to stop their concerts, music manager Patrick Kendrick said.

"We received a letter from our landlord stating that we were 'disturbing the quiet enjoyment of the other tenant (Bravo Entertainment, owner of the Big Easy next door),' he said. 'They didn't tell us we had to shut down, but they told us they had to stop doing music of any kind.'"

Taylor Bergert, who recently transferred from Whitworth to Belmont University in Nashville, remembers that during one of his performances at Rock Coffee last year a security guard held back the crowd in front of the Big Easy.

"The Big Easy had some of the rowdiest people come through," Bergert said. "I think they found some stupid excuses to get rid of their competition. They didn't want to have another show going on next door."

Senior Emily Clader discovered Rock Coffee had shut down when she went to get coffee there.

"Last week, I was downtown with a friend and we walked right past it. Then, we saw it was closed. It was kind of depressing," Clader said.

But despite this blow to the downtown music scene, Rock Coffee aims to reopen in a new location in November. The new venue at 1047 W. Garland will feature two stages with a recording studio able to capture live performances

and distribute copies immediately. Kendrick appreciates Whitworth students' musical contributions to the shop.

"Rock Coffee was all ages all the time," Kendrick said. "It had a college radio feel. I could tell Whitworth students had good style and taste."

Kendrick said he would like to start up again soon in case students forget.

Within walking distance from Whitworth was another coffee shop some students frequented. Encore Espresso & Bakery featured vegan and organic baked goods made by owner Jan Brandvold.

Senior Andrea Lewis, who worked at Encore the last two months they were open, liked to go there to study for finals.

"It had a really non-corporate, small-business, homey feel inside, with a couch and a lending library and cute decorations," Lewis said. "The atmosphere wasn't loud or Starbucks-y. I liked working there."

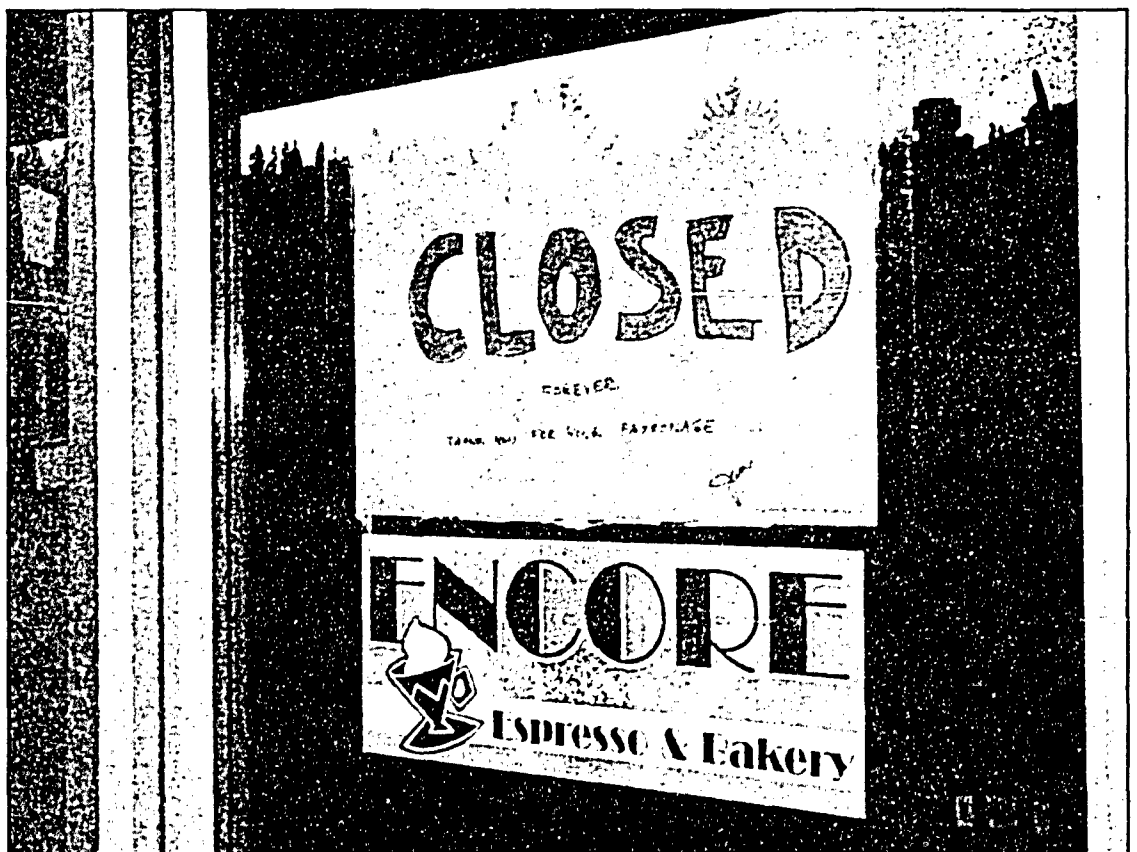
After 12 years of business, Encore closed its doors on June 30 due to financial difficulties.

"Without the landlord being willing to come up to code, it was actually kind of a dangerous place," Brandvold said. "The wiring was bad, the plumbing was bad. There were too many things to be able to carry on a profitable business."

Junior Lisa Gilham, another Encore employee, also enjoyed the shop's atmosphere.

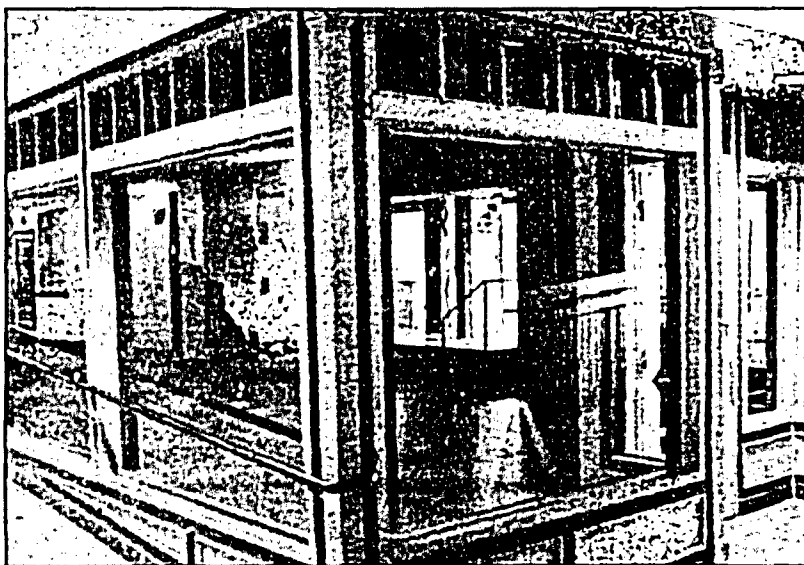
"It's always hard to lose a little place like that. Hopefully someone else who really understands the coffee business will open up a coffee shop where Encore used to be," Gilham said.

Some of Encore's barristas now work at Pleasant Blends, on 9417 N. Newport Hwy.



Bryan Whitmore/Whitworthian

ABOVE: Encore Espresso & Bakery on Waikiki closed due to financial difficulties June 30 after nearly 12 years of business.



LEFT: Rock Coffee in downtown Spokane closed on July 31 after receiving a notice the shop was disturbing the quiet of next door tenant, The Big Easy.

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An editorial

Editorializing is a fact-based pursuit

I hope this is the first of many stimulating issues of The Whitworthian. I wanted to take a minute at the beginning of the craziness that is called student journalism to address you the reader. Many of you know that I am in the editor-in-chief role for a second year. While some may question my sanity for taking on this position yet again, I wanted to assure you that I am doing this because of my passion. It is a passion that I know the rest of the editors and the staff also has. That passion is for journalism, for this school (Whitworth College) and for outside issues. I hope you will be able to see our passion as the year continues.

One other thing I would like to address is about this space, the editorial column. Due to problems that came about last year, our In The Loop editorial is in a phase of change. I and the rest of the editorial board are recommitting the editorial to accuracy. This column may be the newspaper's opinion, but the best opinions are grounded in fact. I am excited for the coming year, for all the challenges and adventures that wait. Thanks for reading.

Peter Smelser
Editor-in-chief

Student voting invaluable service

Get engaged ... and no, we're not talking about the ring.

Did you know the average age of the person who watches the evening news is 60? It's a true, and scary, fact considering the current political climate in our country.

David Mindich, a visiting lecturer from Vermont, made a strong case that our generation, 40 years and under, has tuned out.

Outside the lives of our favorite celebrity or sports team, we are unaware of the world around us. We are familiar with surface issues, such as gay marriage rights and stem-cell research, but we are un-educated when we get down to the nitty-gritty details of any of these issues. For some reason, issues seem too big for us to comprehend and in turn, act on.

Mindich suggested that news organizations need to allow for more passion in their broadcasts. He argues that the likes of Jon Stewart are informed and passionate about the work they do, drawing viewers from every demographic.

You can treat the news the same way Stewart does if you have the will. Become a skeptic of your senators and representatives. If you see a hole in their argument, vote against it.

The point is that we as a generation do have power. We are smart, educated young people who feel like nothing we say or do matters in the grand scheme of things. What we have to say does matter. As Mindich said, the Constitution of the United States begins with the proclamation "We the people..." Our job is to educate ourselves on a few of the most important issues in the country and make an actual decision, not baseless opinion, on where we stand.

This election season, take one hour of one day to look over your voter pamphlet and read about issues in the Spokane area. If there is an issue that you feel particularly strong about, look it up on the web and make your decision based on what you find out. Then go vote on it.

Look at what happened with the news feed on Facebook. Millions of people joined in the debate and changes were made. Senators are your representatives in Congress; they want your opinion just like Mark Zuckerberg, the creator of Facebook, does. Educate yourself, vote, get involved in political discussion. You have a responsibility as a citizen of this great country.

"In the Loop," written by the editorial board, represents the editorial voice of The Whitworthian.

Nuclear power imperative for U.S.

GAVIN JAMIESON
Writer



What often comes to mind when the words "nuclear power" are brought into a discussion? Many people may think of the infamous Chernobyl incident, fears of nuclear waste or of the bumbling Homer Simpson working at a nuclear plant. While these are valid concerns there has been a tendency to demonize nuclear power without a sound understanding. I would argue that the United States would be able to gain significant benefits from a massive expansion of our current nuclear program particularly in regards to reducing dependence on foreign energy sources.

During the 1950s in the wake of nuclear research and enthusiasm over this bountiful resource, the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 was passed in an effort to begin the development of nuclear power plants under the careful hand of the United States government. The first experiment with nuclear power was carried out right here in the Northwest near Arco, Idaho. The initial promise of nuclear power was hampered during the first few decades of existence by longer than expected construction times and, at the time, low cost of fossil fuels. It is important to note that the cheap availability of these fossil fuels was not to last and was heavily dependant on the mood swings of hostile foreign powers.

Throughout the five decades of nuclear power in the United States the industry has been unusually vulnerable to misguided public perspectives, especially in the wake of the Chernobyl accident in 1986 in which a meltdown occurred due to inadequate safety precautions. While admittedly this was a major incident, it must be realized that this accident was also surrounded by massive incompetence on the part of the Soviets and it is grossly unreasonable to place excessive condemnation on the idea of nuclear power because of one industrial accident. The deaths related to Chernobyl should be placed in the larger context of the millions of yearly deaths caused by air pollution

emanating from conventional source of energy such as oil or coal.

Alternative sources of energy are not a desirable substitute to the overwhelming safety of nuclear power which is able to boast of over 12,000 cumulative reactor-years of commercial power plant operation in 32 countries with only one major disaster. In comparison, look at the recent oil wars in the Middle East to learn of the human costs or of the near unlivable conditions in Mexico City resulting from unclean power sources. Yet nuclear power continues to be a

favorite target of environmentalists who create myths of immortal nuclear waste that will never go away and continue to espouse impractical ideas of wind power and solar energy that do not have the technology available to be practical.

Are there real world examples of what the United States is capable of achieving in terms of energy independence? Yes, from the unlikely source of our occasional rival France. The French public has been far more supportive of nuclear energy after witnessing the horrific instability of oil prices during the 1974 Middle East crisis which was unfortunately a precursor of what the energy situation would be for the next few decades. France was aware of their energy vulnerabilities because of their non-existent oil, coal or gas reserves and correctly determined that nuclear energy was the way to go. France can now boast of



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producing more than 80 percent of their energy needs from nuclear sources and already preparing a new generation of plants that are even safer and more efficient. These new reactors are generating great interest overseas from the fast growing nations China and India. Both countries are looking towards nuclear power as a solution to their energy needs after witnessing the follies of non-renewable sources.

The United States must heed the example of France's energy policy in our continuing efforts to improve our energy situation and not fall behind in our position as a superpower.

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Campus Net runs circles

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Every Whitworthian's done it: You show up your freshman year and rejoice, quivering with ecstatic glee, for behold! The campus Internet is here and you can watch people make fools of themselves on YouTube in real time.

So for those who returned to campus this fall after patiently enduring a summer of dialup horrors, an unpleasant shock awaited. Over the summer, Whitworth enacted artificial speed barriers which prevented on-campus computers from using more than 128Kb/s of bandwidth. For the computer uninitiated, that's equivalent to top-tier dialup.

To be fair, the change was not without warning - in fact, the Whitworth Web site indicated last year that the change was already supposed to take place and Whitworth had already begun to sell high-speed data plans. However, the change was not enacted until following a hardware update this summer, in which the connection speed was cut from essentially unlimited to the neighborhood of 128Kb/s.

Whitworth enacted the measure in the face of rising costs, primarily due to users who took advantage of the speed to download large batches of media and software. While abuse of the system is a legitimate concern, the slowdown affects far more than abusers.

For students used to using their dorm computers for extensive research and communications, the new speed cap

can negatively affect academics. Nursing students who are required to stream live video as part of their homework and studying, find their tasks nearly impossible. Even basic web applications like e-mail frequently time out.

In response to student complaints, the access was doubled to 256Kb/s, which alleviates some academic concerns, but is far from solving the problem. All this, however, assumes that academics are the only legitimate use of a college network connection, an assumption that is far from reasonable.

Face it: a dormitory is a living space. Sure, the principle reason we are giving up our firstborn to go to school here is the education, but for on-campus students, their living space is also to some extent their *leisure* space. Informal polling of my friends at small schools with similar profiles to Whitworth's has confirmed my suspicion: we are unique in being the only school I can find that has actually retrograded to 10% of what students got last year.

Technology leaps forward, not backwards - while the need to curtail bandwidth costs is understandable, why are the rights of the many being so abruptly curtailed for the sins of the few?

Yes, unlimited Internet may be too much to ask, but when the thousands students put down for room and board can't even download a legally purchased album from iTunes without dozens of timeouts and re-tries, serious re-evaluation is in order. \$320 per term (the cost of a 1Mb connection upgrade) is a lot to pay to dodge sub-par connection speeds.

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Congress wrestles with net neutrality



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In late May, Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), claimed that an e-mail from his aides took five days to arrive in his inbox. He then claimed that the high volume of movies being transferred by commercial delivery services over the Internet was slowing the transfer of regular consumer information, by filling the "tubes" that hold the Internet. He has a very misinformed view of what the Internet actually is.

Sen. Stevens is also strongly against a policy known as network neutrality. He supports a bill in congress called the Internet Freedom Preservation Act of 2006 (S. 2917) that will limit "net neutrality."

Net neutrality prohibits large Internet service providers (ISP's), such as Verizon, AT&T and Comcast, to discriminate in their treatment of Internet traffic. More simply, the large ISP's want to be able to decide which Web sites perform best, or work at all, when you are using their Internet.

This may seem like a ludicrous idea when you think of the internet of today, but for the large ISP's, it is the quickest route to huge profits. To make this money, the ISP's simply need to charge every company that wants to show up on their search results a monthly fee. The higher the fee, the more access the ISP will allot to their site and the higher up the company will appear on consumer

search results.

This essentially pushes the little guy off the Internet landscape. No longer will low-profit sites like craigslist.org be relevant in search results, or even a viable option while doing online shopping. If craigslist doesn't pay, your ISP will not allow the site to load quickly on your computer, or even load at all. This is a two-tiered Internet that gives priority and power to the ISP's, allowing them to control what shows up on your computer screen.

Imagine this. You are starting a new business selling pots and pans. You have a booming small business located in downtown Seattle. Your business is going so well, you decide to build a Web site to sell your wares. Your monthly Internet budget is \$1,000. Unfortunately, Walmart, Target, Costco and Bed Bath & Beyond are all selling the same pots and pans that you sell. They pay their ISP \$100,000 every month, resulting in better search results and more Internet exposure. Your Web site fails because you don't get the hits you need to keep afloat. This is an example of what could happen if net neutrality is not made into a federal regulation.

American Electronics Association, the largest group of high-tech companies in the U.S. released a report last Wednesday supporting net neutrality. The association has more than 2,500 members including Cisco

Systems, Motorola, Sun Microsystems and Symantec. This association of American businesses has taken a stand for net neutrality.

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There is hope for the consumers and advocate for net neutrality. An opposing bill in the senate called the "Internet Freedom and Nondiscrimination Act of 2006 (S. 2917) will enforce network neutrality to keep the all the Web sites on the Internet on a level playing field. The FCC will regulate large ISP's to make sure they do not discriminate against any

online content, thus keeping the Internet the open medium it is today. This bill is in Congress right now and our policy-makers need to hear from us, the consumers, before they pass the bill.

Instead of sitting down and writing a letter to your senator, www.savetheinternet.com will do it for you. Visit the site and join the coalition that is more than 1.1 million strong. When you join, the site will set aside a form letter e-mail addressed to your senator. You can add your personal concerns about net neutrality and then click send. Your message is sent to your state senators. This is a simple step to saving the Internet as we know it because if we don't we will unnecessarily be giving away our rights to ... an uninhibited Internet.

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WHATif...

LOOKING AT THE
WORLD FROM A
NEW PERSPECTIVE

Turmoil at the Mexican border

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Recently, there has been considerable discourse on the topic of illegal immigration, whereby those not native to a country (specifically the United States) infiltrate borders in search of better wages and a better quality of life. In the United States this issue is concentrated on the southern border dividing Mexico and the U.S. An estimated five hundred thousand Mexican natives choose to side-step conventional methods of the often tedious immigration process in favor of illegally crossing over onto American soil every year.

Some would say that although this is illegal, is there anything truly wrong with the motivations of these "illegal" immigrants? They are motivated by desperation and the need to better themselves and their families. So let's entertain this idea for a moment. Consider, if you will, there were no border restrictions whatsoever? Instead of monitoring the influx of persons into the United States, there would be freedom to come and to go without being observed. This presents us with a conflict, because we are caught with the necessity of protecting the U. S. from the potential security risks involved in allowing persons of unknown intentions into the U.S. What if, for instance, a terrorist chose to use the free-flowing border to import a shipment of nerve gasses, transport them to the closest city and unleash them on the unsuspecting populace? For this reason alone it is simply not feasible to allow the current border restrictions to go un-enforced.

On the flip side, what if - in the interest of national security of course - there were to be a sixty-foot wall built along the length of the U.S./Mexico border? Imagine it, a wall patrolled by a twenty-four hour guard equipped with dogs and high-powered rifles. In this hypothetical situation one has to wonder: "Where now is the land of the free, the land of opportunity?" By closing the border to all human traffic, the U.S. would shatter its own heritage as the melting pot of the West and as a nation of immigrants. If this option appears acceptable it raises the concern that we, the descendants of immigrants, have become content with our lot as the supreme power in the world and are unwilling to share our fortunes with others seeking the same opportunity our fathers once sought.

As we explore both extremes, it becomes apparent that neither is acceptable. If the U.S. opens its borders, it runs the risk of granting those who would harm it intimate access to its most guarded locations. If the U.S. seals the border, it loses an essential part of itself, the heritage of immigrants. Despite current unrest with the situation on the border, it is clear that what can be feasibly done is being done and that to tip to one side or the other would not be consistent with all that America stands for.

"What if..." is a column written by a series of staff writers. Opinions in this column do not reflect those of The Whitworthian.

A tribute to the life of Forrest Ewens

Whitworth 2004 alumnus and U.S. Army First Lt. Forrest P. Ewens was killed on June 16 in eastern Afghanistan. Ewens was leading his troops out of a village in the Pech River Valley when an improvised explosive device mortally wounded him and another soldier. This article is a collection of excerpts from three prepared comments by Lt. Colonel Allen Patty and Lt. Colonel Paul Westfield of the Gonzaga University ROTC program in which Ewens took part for four years. This collection is meant to illustrate who Forrest was as a person, student, husband and soldier.

Delivered on Sept. 9, 2006 by Lt. Colonel Allen Patty:

1st Lieutenant Forrest Ewens heard this call to leadership and he heard the call to service. Fortified with the support of his family, his friends and his wife, he fulfilled his commitment with the highest honor and with unwavering courage.

Matthew 5:16 says "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." 1st Lieutenant Forrest Ewens lived in that way and his life brought light to a dark and dangerous world. We are proud of his service and the honor his life brings to our battalion.

Delivered on June 20, 2006 by Lt. Colonel Alan Westfield:

Forrest Ewens had a genuine love of country. He believed in the values for which our nation stands. Always a man of action, Forrest volunteered to earn an Army officer commission to support and defend our Constitution, against all enemies, foreign and domestic, for love of country and our way of life.

Forrest's nature, approach to life and character are an example of excellence to which we can all aspire. He always ran fast, faster, fastest; worked hard on his studies, pushed himself to his limits - and sometimes beyond - in competitions, while gutting it out at Ranger School and while leading troops in battle. And always he did so with flair, passion, resoluteness, perspective and a sense of humor and politeness. He also did those things with absolute integrity, humility, respect for others and with physical and moral courage. Forrest always lifted those around him and will continue to inspire us far into the future. In all ways, he was excellent.

Forrest's love of family, friends and soldiers was of the highest magnitude. He was a loyal, caring, committed husband, son, grandson, brother and comrade-in-arms. He loved the people in his life and they loved him. It is clear in everything we witness and are experiencing during this difficult time. The love, compassion and concern that are flowing all over this planet due to this tragic event is heart wrenching, yet heartwarming.

Delivered on Sept. 9, 2006 by Lt. Colonel Alan Westfield:

His exploits as an athlete and musician, during Whitworth Homecoming and Student Life, in Ranger Challenge competitions as a three-year Black Team member and in other arenas are astonishing and remarkable, even legendary in some cases. Bottom line is that they are indicative of the heart and passion he possessed and how he lived life.

Forrest also earned the trust of fellow lieutenants, senior noncommissioned officers and commanders. Why was this so? Because he was excited about all he did, he possessed flair, was absolutely reliable, had a sense of humor, used his inquiring mind, desired to excel and consistently displayed absolute integrity, intestinal fortitude and courage, both physical and moral.

(Forrest) and his troops learned they would be required to simultaneously fight combat operations and perform security and stability operations and contribute to nation-building activities. Again they surpassed expectations. Forrest established relationships and earned legitimacy with Afghan people to include children and village elders ... Forrest was the best in his unit at winning the hearts and minds of the Afghan citizens while earning a reputation for being tough, fair, dependable and professional.

I share this with you so you can gain some insights about a man whose supreme sacrifice and selfless service were honorable, pure and noble. His story is real and inspiring and needs to be told. Forrest lived life with purpose, direction, motivation and integrity. He possessed a big heart filled with passion. There is much we can learn about life by examining the way he lived his. Thank you for listening. I hope you heard something that resonates in some small way and that you can take it with you. If so, please feel free to share it with someone else. Perhaps you will be moved like I am and inspired to tell Forrest's story again, out of respect and admiration for a genuine, real, unique, authentic hero. Forrest Ewens's memory lives and I am honored and humbled to have shined some light on this excellent man, his family, friends, comrades and soldiers.

HUMOR COLUMN

Wuv den mawedge,
the Whitworth wayDaniel Walters
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Smile beaming breathlessly, the girl skips up to me, finger proudly raised. But wait! This wasn't the finger she usually presented to me...

"Daniel! LookAtThis!" She lets out a half giggle, half squeal, half shriek. Math wasn't her strong point. Nevertheless, I do as I am commanded.

"Wow!" I say. "Your hand is so smooth and moist! What moisturizer do you use?! Curé! No- don't tell me - Nivea, right? It's got to be their new Hazel Coco-nut Serenity blend of..."

I'm interrupted by the mighty roll of her eyes. "No, silly!" She points to a little shimmering band on her ring finger. "I'm getting married. You know! To Steve? The guy with the moustache? From the Gas Station?"

Her romantic dreams had reached their dramatic culmination. This was her precious, poignant moment.

I had to try to top it.

I thought back to my own tales of romantic prowess. "Oh, yeah? Well ... I ... uh ... hugged a girl. Once. For a play. In second grade. She ended up getting cooties, so it didn't work out, of course, but I'll never forget those two magical weeks of *Mr. Snail's Most Funorous Day Ever...*" I look wistfully off into the horizon, as a single tear glides down my cheek. "Man! I miss her so much."

The girl glowers at me. "Do you ever even care about what's happening in my life?"

"Excuse me?" I gently chide her. "Please don't interrupt me when I'm in the middle of a monologue. I was having a tender moment."

Yes, ————— lately it seems as if everyone and their dog is getting married. (Although as a strict, pursed-lipped Social conservative, I'm against canine marriage.)

Consider this frightening statistic: Every single roommate I've ever had has gotten married (or been a baseball player). I can hardly sleep over the sound of those blasted bells tolling.

Most experts opine that Whitworth's impressive marriage rate can only come one thing: The inherent aphrodisiacs found in Saga's Magical Spinach Surprise.

Others believe that Whitworth's "Little Three" could also be a factor.

As every street-smart Whitworthian knows, graduating isn't a matter of fulfilling requisites or getting good grades. Those are just fillers to pass time between pulling the fire alarm in BJ and pulling the fire alarm in Mac. There are three things, and only three things,

required to get that diploma: 1) Drop a Saga tray in Saga (Sodexho Trays don't count) 2) Sacrifice a Virgin Pinecone to Satan by the light of a full moon 3) Get a Ring by Spring.

Sounds easy, right? But here's the devilish catch: It has to be a wedding ring. Not an onion ring. Not a prostitution ring. Even a benzene ring won't placate the intractable, inflexible, inefable will of the Little Three.

Ideally, you're already betrothed by the end of Tradition. If not, maybe you just weren't wooing hard enough. Fortunately, for the romantically-disabled among us, Whitworth can help. Try talking to your advisor.

Remember, an advisors primary responsibility is to help you graduate. They'll be more than happy to inform you about "that girl in your 9:20 remedial math class? She's totally into you! What are you waiting for?! Get on that!" Or suggest any number of Whitworth wooing strategies, like pretending you're a Theology major, getting a fake Bible Verse tattoo (preferably from an obscure book of the Bible like "Second Josephakkubaniah") or telling people that you "totally know Michael Carlson."

If after four years at college you still aren't married, Whitworth will file to transfer you to BYU, a college world-renowned for their impressive Marital Impetus Program. Marriage is so inevitable at BYU that by their senior year, most students are married to dozens of people.

Some Whitworthians who-just-happen-to-be-single, however, dislike the Matrimonial Mandate. I interviewed them, but forgot to write down what they said. It was pretty boring anyway, you really didn't miss much.

If you were to sit through their whining long enough, however, they'd probably tell you that "Ring by Spring" is usually followed by "Separation after Graduation." Some 60 percent of Whitworth Students who get married, get divorced. The other 40 percent? Killed by falling pinecones and Saga trays. (Source: Wikipedia)

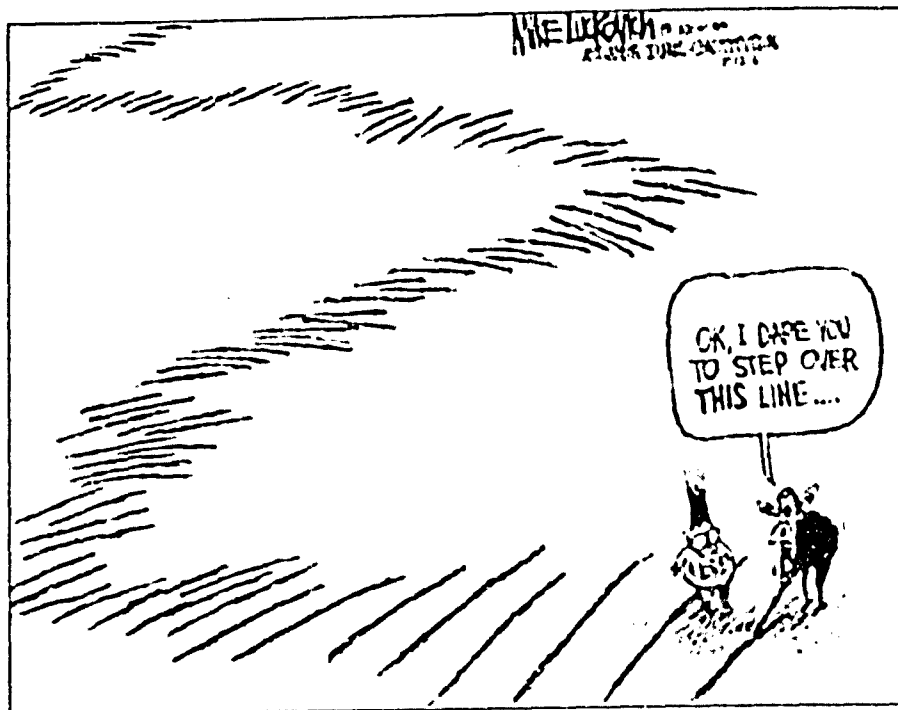
Some even go so far as to suggest changing the "Ring by Spring" requirement to something a little more platonic, like "Poop in the Loop."

This begs the question, however: Why should students be rewarded for something that most of them do anyway?

Besides, marriage is as much a part of Whitworth as binge drinking is to WSU, or christian binge drinking is to Gonzaga. Without marriage, Whitworth University would be just plain old Whitworth College. Which, incidentally, is Whitworth's maiden name.



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Courtesy of USBICEF

Environmental conservation hard
to understand, painful to practice

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It's 7:45 p.m. on Thursday and I am sitting in Weyerhaeuser listening to one of President Bill Robinson's famous speeches. The event is called "A Christian Response to Climate Change."

This time, Bill is not offering yet another witty and inspirational twist on his "grace and truth" mantra.

"Why, of all things, is B-Rob taking a stand on global warming?"

Instead he's defending his decision to sign the Evangelical Environmental Network's statement entitled "Climate Change: An Evangelical Call to Action."

The statement makes, and supports, three claims. First, it claims that "human induced climate change is real." The second claim is that "the consequences of climate change will be significant, and will hit the poor the hardest," and the third is that "Christian moral convictions demand our response to the climate change problem."

The question burning in everyone's mind tonight is "Why, of all things, is B-Rob taking a stand on global warming?" After all, our college president is known for not really taking a stand on anything (a wise choice for someone in his position, if you ask me).

Knowing what we were all thinking, Bill is armed with a list of 10 reasons he signed the statement. Most noteworthy is the argument that the cost of being wrong about global warming being a threat to humanity is far less than the cost of ignoring warning signs and continuing on our current path.

With a global consensus among scientists that global warming is truly a threat, and relatively low long-term costs of conserving "unnecessarily", why are many people so resistant to acknowledging global warming as a threat and trying to level out our CO₂ emissions?

In my cynical little mind, the answer is quite simple: the immediate cost of reducing CO₂ emissions comes in the form of our money and comfort. It's

admitting, as one speaker said, that you really don't need that Hummer. It means thinking about the contribution our individual and collective actions have to rising CO₂ levels, even though making a change won't increase our income or level of comfort.

The long-term cost of ignoring the threat of global warming is human suffering, particularly among those who are too poor to escape their increasingly harsh (or simply disappearing) surrounding environment. Since that isn't us (although our country's livelihood is also threatened by global warming), it's easy not to think about. When most of Indonesia is engulfed by rising sea levels, as Tom Ackerman (another speaker at the event, an expert on the science of climate change who teaches at the University of Washington and works at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory) predicts, it won't be our families who are displaced. Allow me to remind you, though, that you and I are contributing far more to the problem than any of those families.

Although we intuitively want to avoid human suffering, that cost seems far more distant to us than the cost of living more sustainably now. But if anyone needs to take action, it is you and I.

According to Ackerman, Americans' per capita CO₂ emissions are significantly higher than any country in the world. Read: this is a problem that you and I are definitely contributing to. We emit more CO₂ as a nation than any other nation in the world.

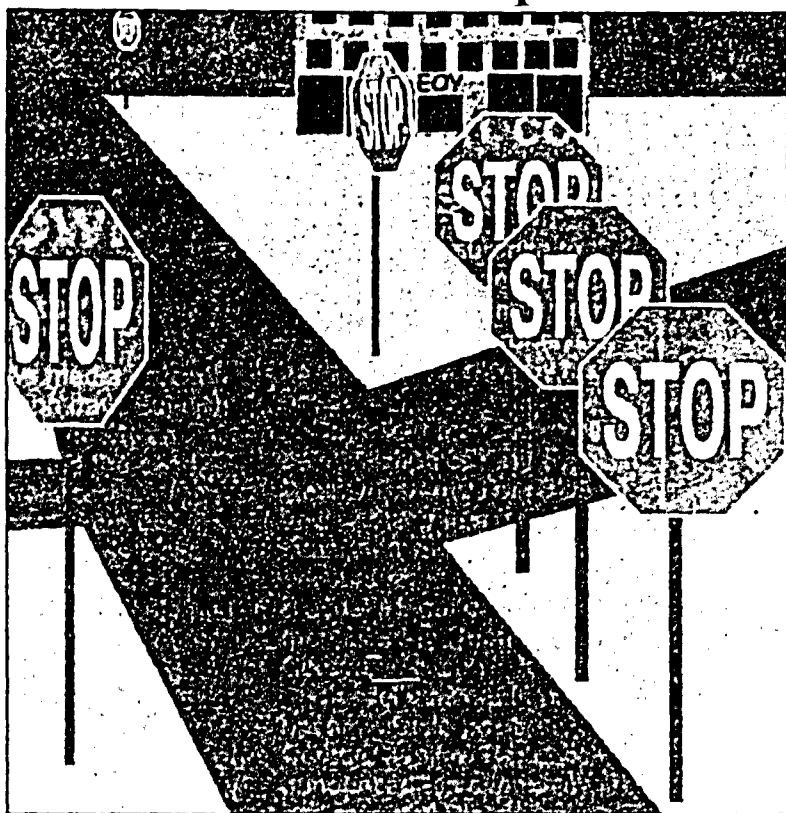
We are educated; wealthier than most people in the world and have political representation in the most powerful country in the world, so if anyone has the resources to take action, we do. And when I say "we" I mean you and me. When I say we need to take action, I mean at Whitworth, and now-ish. (If you are in class, it's alright to wait until class is over.)

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President Bill Robinson's List: "Why I signed the Climate Change Statement"

1. The Bible's message that creation was created for God's pleasure.
2. An instinctual sense that climate change is truly a threat to humanity.
3. A conversation with some farmers who responded to "Do you think climate change is real?" with (paraphrased) "Duh. Just walk outside."
4. An overwhelming consensus in the scientific community in favor of climate change as being destructive.
5. Knowing that climate change is human-induced and, more importantly, can be arrested by humans.
6. Wanting students to pay attention to this issue and engage in being part of the solution.
7. A fear that what we have seen of climate change is nothing like what we will see (a steep exponential increase like one side of a half-pipe).
8. Getting sunburned in Australia.
9. An opportunity to contribute to the de-politicization of the issue of climate change.
10. The fact that the consequences of being wrong are far less severe than ignoring the threat of climate change and taking no measures to stabilize our CO₂ emissions.



Courtesy of Kyle Bisch

"Whitworth must have gotten a helping hand from the same guys that built that garage down by the movie theater."

Purpose of upkeep confuses the masses



**RACHEL
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Writer

I spent my first week back at Whitworth taking inventory of all the improvements made to campus over the summer.

Walking through the hall of my dorm, I noticed a "note" from Facilities Services and the Housing Office detailing all the work done to campus.

New carpet in the hallways of the Village sounded wonderful. But of course when I opened my room I saw the same old carpet. Clearly I should be spending more time in the hallway, since it's so much more important than my room. The new carpet and new paint for the Village dorms, should prove extremely practical when the four remaining buildings are torn down. Threadbare carpet just pulls down the value of piles of rubble.

Duvall, of course, is as beautiful as promised.

The finishing touch it needs now is a moat and a damsel in distress. I propose the nickname "Castle Duvall" or perhaps "Duvall Manor" to compliment the famed "Boppell Hotel."

I was sad to see two Village buildings torn down. Charis was my freshman dorm – the place where I learned that just because your RA is in a leadership position, it will not prevent him or her from buying you alcohol. I was happy to see that the space has been put to good use. The Whitworth campus just didn't have enough grass.

Facilities Services finally put sturdy athletic grass in the Loop this summer (after how many years?). It's probably too much to hope that frisbees will stop hitting me every time I walk by. Newsflash: yelling "heads" isn't helpful once something has already made contact with your head.

I'm living next to the two Young Life dorms where the boy's building proudly displays their hand-made "Manastery" sign. Shouldn't the girls have one that says "Mammastery" instead of that random Chevron sign? Even better, they sit on the deck and play cheesy praise music all

evening. I think Whitworth has got something with this pseudo Christian version of the Greek system. Does this have something to do with all those Keggers for Christ?

Many new signs have also graced campus, an addition of which I am particularly fond, considering my job.

I work at the switchboard on campus, meaning that I do my homework while periodically picking up the phone. The new signs enable me to give directions to locations on the Whitworth campus without having to say something like, "It's the brick building. No, the other one. The one with all the brick."

The adjustment to the changes on campus seems to be going smoothly, although I heard a rumor that both Facilities Services and Campus Security have been spotted running the five-way stop. Perhaps they should install some more new signs since we obviously have a tremendous need for them. Someone should probably start a Facebook group about it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: Freemans

Whitworthian Freeman exposé deemed helpful

Efforts by the 2005 Whitworthian Staff to alert and warn the Whitworth College Administration, Staff, and Students of the Freeman group were extremely successful. Chris Collins and others produced a series of articles in your paper, which included input from several dozen former members of the Freeman group. Presently, the Freemans retain ownership of several homes near campus. However, their college-age group members are enrolling elsewhere.

Between 12 to 20 college-age members of

their group are presently enrolled at Gonzaga University and Eastern Washington University. Several former Freeman group members have turned their efforts to alert and warn the administration, resident hall staff, and students of these institutions.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jim Longmale

Sounding Board

Question of the week

Q: Do you think global warming is a real problem?

Get your thoughts in print!

Letters to the editor

The Whitworthian welcomes your responses to stories appearing in the newspaper or views on issues of interest to the college community. Letters must bear the writer's name, year (if applicable), major (or position in the college) and phone number (for verification purposes only). Anonymous letters cannot be published. Please keep length to a maximum of 300 words. We reserve the right to edit all letters for content and space. Send letters to: Letters to the Editor, MS 4302, Campus Mail or e-mail to editor@whitworth.edu. Letters must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday for publication in the following Tuesday's issue.

Guest commentaries

The Whitworthian encourages members of the campus to submit longer guest commentaries about issues relevant to the Whitworth community. Commentaries of 700 words or less will be published as space permits. We are looking for commentaries that are relevant and well-researched. To ensure a better chance of publishing, please contact The Whitworthian with specifics regarding when you plan to submit your commentary and what issue you are interested in addressing. We reserve the right to edit all submissions for content and space. Commentaries should be e-mailed to editor@whitworth.edu.

By the NUMBERS

Internet usage facts and figures

6.5

Billion people living on earth. Asia is the largest continent with more than 3.66 billion people; more than 56 percent of the world's population. North America is fourth with about 331 million people.

1.09

Billion computers with Internet access around the globe. Asia has nearly 400 million Internet users while North America has about 230 million computers with Internet access.

19

Million computers with Internet access in the Middle East. This is 1.8 percent of the world's Internet usage.

479.3

Percent Internet usage growth in the Middle East between 2000 and 2006. The second largest percent increase anywhere in the world. Africa was first with 625.8 percent increase. North America registered the least growth with a 112 percent usage increase during that same time period.

36,000

The number of Internet users in Iraq as of June 30, 2006, the fewest of any Middle Eastern country.

7.5

Million Internet users in Iran, the most of any country in the Middle East.

69.4

Million broadband subscribers in the United States as of July 2005. In comparison, Canada has 6.7 million subscribers.

— Compiled by Peter Burke

Information courtesy of
www.internetworldstats.com

Coffee

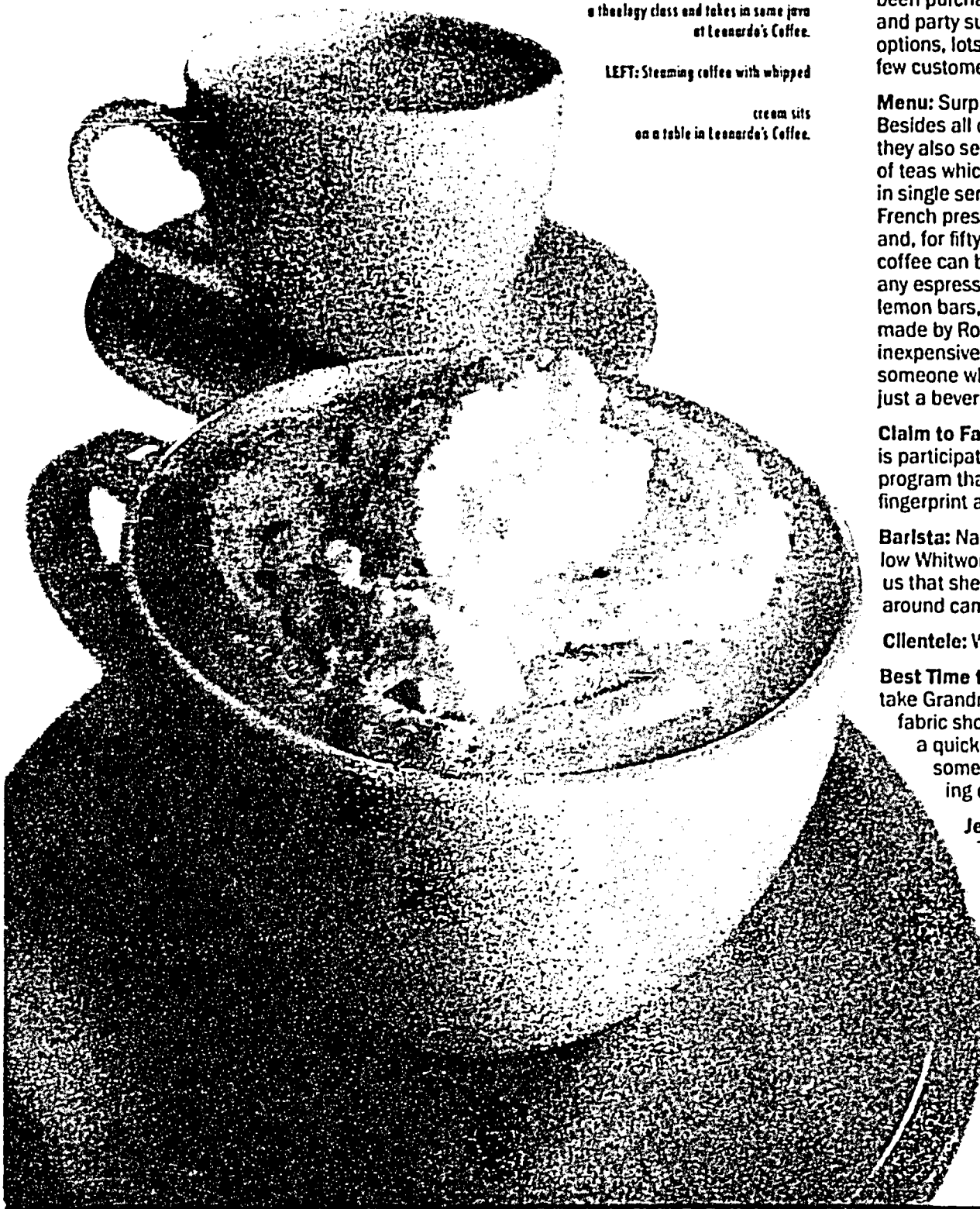
Need a caffeine break, a place to study, or a spot to socialize with friends (or your grandmother)? Here's a student guide to the local java scene.

Kaitlin Trott
Jennifer Ingersoll
Staff writers



ABOVE: Junior Zech Dahmen reads for a theology class and takes in some java at Leonardo's Coffee.

LEFT: Steaming coffee with whipped cream sits on a table in Leonardo's Coffee.



Sophomore Allison Spencer peruses the Spokesman-Review at the Service Station last week. Spencer often



Pleasant Blends

Java Overview

Location: 9417 N. Newport Hwy (next to the Cozy Quilt)

Hours: Mon-Fri 7 a.m.-8 p.m., Sat-Sun 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

First Impressions: Kind of tacky, decorations look like they have been purchased at craft bazaars and party super stores, lots of tea options, lots of employees but few customers

Menu: Surprisingly extensive. Besides all of the coffee basics, they also serve a wide variety of teas which can be ordered in single servings or by the pot. French press coffee is available and, for fifty cents extra, white coffee can be substituted into any espresso drink. Brownies, lemon bars, cookies and bagels made by Rocket Bakery provide inexpensive nourishment for someone who needs more than just a beverage.

Claim to Fame: Pleasant Blends is participating in the IMYE program that allows use of a fingerprint as a debit card.

Barista: Named Kaitlin and a fellow Whitworth student, she told us that she recognized us from around campus

Clientele: We were the clientele.

Best Time to Go: Perfect place to take Grandma after a long day of fabric shopping, or to pick up a quick drink on your way to somewhere more interesting or important

Jen's Drink: Double-Tall Americano — "For a double-shot drink this is weak and way, way too hot."

Kaitlin's Drink: Hug in a Mug (hazelnut-chocolate tea with milk and white chocolate powder) — "Absolutely brilliant. It totally lives up to its name."



COFFEE SHOP REVIEW

Pleasant Blends



Overall Rating: If you can get past the fact that there are plastic lobsters hanging from the wall, and that the owner may very well have been wearing a scrunchie in her hair, it might be worth checking out.

No Boys Allowed

Pleasant Blends reminds me of my Grandma's house. It's quaint, and it smells good, but you don't want to sit down and stay long. Their specials include a variety of sweet tasting feminine drinks like a "Hug in a Mug." The coffee isn't anything special, but it certainly isn't terrible. Pleasant Blends is an informal, mediocre on the go sort of coffee shop. There isn't a lot of seating and what they do have is crowded and uncomfortable. But if you're looking to pick up some loose tea or ground coffee for your French press, Pleasant Blends' variety of bulk coffee and tea is a great resource. Stop by if you're looking to entertain Grandma with a nice cup of tea, and maybe a stop next door to The Cozy Quilt.

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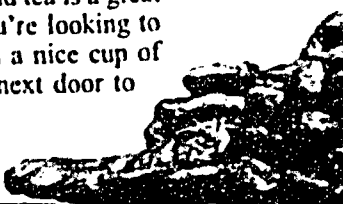
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1st week. Spencer often goes there to study or spend time with friends.



Leonardo's Coffee



COFFEE SHOP REVIEW

Leonardo's Coffee



Overall Rating: We don't know which is better – the location or the coffee.

An Off-Campus Stan's

First and foremost, Leonardo's has really, really good coffee. My vanilla soy latte was the perfect temperature, had just the right amount of vanilla and actually tasted like coffee. If you enjoy coffee for flavor, then their unique blend of Sumatran, Ethiopian and Columbian beans is a pleasant surprise. Leonardo's is the closest coffee shop to Whitworth, has a drive-thru window and wireless Internet access and offers a 10 percent student discount. The atmosphere is perfect for studying and quiet conversation. The experience will be similar to Starbucks. But at Leo's, you will get a better cup of coffee and you won't have to walk or drive as far.



The Service Station



COFFEE SHOP REVIEW

Service Station



Overall Rating: We got served.

The Caffeine Cafeteria

The Service Station is a popular hang out spot for Whitworth students. It is a great place for live music and social gatherings. It is spacious, comfortable and looks like a page out of an Ikea catalog. There's no better local coffee shop for college students to meet their friends. Unfortunately, its social status is also its weak point. The Station is loud and distracting, making it a difficult place to study or to have a conversation. Another setback of the Station is its coffee. The barista recommended a Frugato – an iced drink comparable to Starbucks' Pomegranate Frappuccino. The melted popsicle drink was so concentrated and sweet that I could only take a few sips before feeling sick. Kaitlin had a latte that didn't even taste like coffee. We were not impressed with our orders. It is clear that sociability, not quality drinks or quiet time, is the Station's priority. Visit the Service Station for a good time with friends, but don't expect to get any studying done and don't bother getting anything to drink.

Java Overview

Location:
10208 N. Division St.

Hours:
Mon-Fri 6 a.m.-10 p.m., Sat 7 a.m.-10 p.m., Sun 9 a.m.-10 p.m.

First Impressions: Clean, open without seeming empty, that familiar "trendy coffee shop" décor (heavy on the designer lighting, raw ceiling, earth tones everywhere)

Menu: Latte, check; mocha, check; Americano, obviously – very basic. The "special" was a regular sized mocha or latte served iced or hot, for \$1.95. Bottled juices and baked goods from Sweetwater Bakery were also available.

Claim to Fame: "Real" cappuccino and no charge for extra shots

Barista: When she was asked to recommend a drink she gave the safest answer in the book – "all of our drinks are good."

Clientele: A group of three students discussing religion and film, two middle-aged women, a young mother and two little boys

Best Time to Go: Anytime – with wireless Internet and no distracting events, Leo's is a prime location for a quiet study session off campus.

Jen's Drink: Vanilla Soy Latte – "Fabulous temperature and even though it's a dessert drink it's not unbearably sweet and the vanilla flavor isn't overwhelming."

Kaitlin's Drink: Iced Caramel Latte – "It's a pretty straight forward beverage. I have no complaints and the price is definitely right."

Java Overview

Location: 9315 N. Nevada St.

Hours: Mon-Sat 6 a.m.-11 p.m., Sun 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

First Impressions: Big, cafeteria style seating, loud and hyper-trendy – even the teabags were trying too hard

Menu: Every sort of mocha and latte ever conceived, a large variety of Framoza (blended coffee) beverages and Frugato (blended fruit) drinks and other non-coffee options including hot chocolate, strawberry lemonade and steamers. The Service Station also has an extensive selection of soups, sandwiches and sweet baked goods.

Claim to Fame: Live jazz on Friday and Saturday nights

Barista: Recommended the "Frugato" blended fruit drinks

Clientele: Two students studying solitarily, a young businessman with an open laptop, an older gentleman wearing a Harley Davidson jacket and suspenders, a clever baby who brought his own juice and the same kids you see at all the "cool" hangouts

Best Time to Go: Friday and Saturday nights to see the live jazz performers. Don't take a date, though – the music is so loud that decent conversation would be near impossible.

Jen's Drink: Razz-Cranberry Frugato – "Way too sweet, way too concentrated"

Kaitlin's Drink: Café Mocha – "McDonald's coffee with a foamy head"

Coffee shop LINGO



DRINKS

Latte
Espresso shot,
choice of syrup
flavor, milk; served
hot or cold

Mocha
Chocolate sauce,
espresso shot,
choice of syrup
flavor, milk; served
hot or cold

Cappuccino
Espresso shot, milk
all foam

Steamer
Steamed milk,
choice of flavor

Americano
Espresso shots,
water

Chai
Chai tea, milk;
served iced or hot

SIZES

Tall
12 ounces

Grande
16 ounces

Venti
20 ounces

ORDERING

When placing a
coffee order, say
your preferences in
this sequence:

Hot/Iced

Size

Flavors

Milk

Special preferences

(ex. extra hot)

Drink

Example: Iced,
grande, hazelnut,
non-fat, extra hot
latte

Other close java stops:



Mind and Hearth
Whitworth College



Starbucks Coffee Co.
9335 N Newport Hwy, Spokane, WA



Gretchen's Coffee Co.
10505 N Division St.



Seattle's Best Coffee
9980 North Newport Highway



One of our own



Thomas Robinson/Whitworth

Deen of the Seeley G. Mudd Chapel Terry McGonigal consoles Ewens' mother Carol Ewens and other attendees of Ewens' memorial service.

Community honors fallen alumnus

Luis Lopez
Staff writer

Family, professors, colleagues and students gathered in the Seeley G. Mudd Chapel Saturday Sept. 9 to remember one of their own.

Forrest Ewens, a 2004 Whitworth graduate, was killed along with another soldier on June 16 when their vehicle was blown up by an improvised explosive device while on a mission in Afghanistan.

Ewens spent the early part of his life in Gig Harbor, Wash. before moving to Chewelah, Wash. There he graduated from Jenkins High School. After graduating, he went to Whitworth, where he spent the next four years.



FORREST EWENS

While at Whitworth, Ewens served as captain of the 2004 track team and participated in the ROTC's Bulldog Battalion, a combined Whitworth/Gonzaga University training for future military officers. It was there that he met his wife, Megan, also a 1st lieutenant with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team.

His time on the track team did not go unnoticed. Ewens' track coach, Dr. Toby Schwarz remembers Ewens for his great leadership.

"Forrest led in two major ways: words and action. Forrest was extremely coachable, meaning that he did whatever was asked of him," Schwarz said.

Schwarz also noted that Ewens served

*"He had such an enduring influence."*Bill Robinson,
President of Whitworth

as an example for the rest of the team.

"And when necessary, Forrest told his teammates what they needed to do to step up to the standards of the

program," Schwarz said.

Throughout the service, professors, colleagues and loved ones spoke to the true character of Ewens: an unyielding man dedicated to school, to family and to the military.

President Bill Robinson spoke at the beginning of the service by reflecting upon the first time he met Ewens and the last time he saw him, graduation 2004.

"He had such an enduring influence," Robinson said.

Robinson noted that there were students

at the service who had not met Ewens.

"Those students will benefit from his influence," Robinson said.

Dale Soden, a former professor of Ewens, made note of Ewens' influence.

"How he gave food and supplies to the people of Afghanistan is an example of selfless courage and service and sacrifice," Soden said.

The influence of Ewens was also made apparent by Toby Schwarz, Ewens' track coach.

"Forrest is the type of student-athlete that made the most of his time at Whitworth," Schwarz said. "Since Forrest graduated, we have told stories about Forrest. Most of these stories are comical and entertaining but many are motivational and speak to the character of Forrest. I am confident that these stories and his legacy will continue to be retold to students that never knew him, but they will benefit from what they hear."

Loop Press exhibit opens for viewing

Julie Woolton
Staff writer

The opportunity to view diverse and colorful pieces of art created by visiting artists and printmaking students from the art department does not come around everyday.

Students, faculty and community members received the chance to do that at the opening reception of the Loop Press exhibit, held in the Koehler Gallery in the Fine Arts Building last week.

The reception was followed by a lecture from associate professor of art and Loop Press director Scott Kolbo. He talked about the role of making original edition prints instead of reproductions and the impact the Loop Press program has on art students and the community.

Senior Jeanine Douglass, an art major with a printmaking emphasis, came up with the idea of the Loop Press exhibit.

"Most people on campus don't know that artists come to campus and team up with students to make these prints," Douglass said.

The art department used the exhibit to show what the students have been working on.

The exhibit runs until Sept. 22 and features 15 original, signed, limited-edition prints owned by Whitworth. These prints were created between 2003 and 2006 in collaboration with the Loop Press program, which brings visiting artists to the art department's printmaking program for one week to interact with students.

The Loop Press program, which was created by Kolbo in 2003, invites local or national artists to create original art while using printmaking techniques.

"The idea behind the Loop Press exhibit was that the art department needed a show to start off the year until Jose Parla, a visiting artist, comes to the art department during the

first week of October," Kolbo said.

The printmaking styles used to make the pieces displayed include lithography, relief painting, intaglio and screen printing.

"The exhibit is a great chance for students to see work in the college's permanent collection from nationally recognized artists, whose caliber of work is high," said Dee Anna Christiansen, academic program assistant for art and theatre.

There are five artists whose work is featured in the exhibit: Jose Guererro, Harold Balazs, Ric Gendron, Makoto Fujimura and Esme Guenther.

"The purpose of the Loop Press program is to bring in new cultural or political points of view that students are usually not exposed to at Whitworth," Kolbo said. "It is valuable to teach printmaking in the art department and bring in visiting artists in order to work together in a communal space for a common goal."

In addition to teaching workshops in the printmaking program at Whitworth, the visiting artists often lead multicultural events in residence halls, visit high schools and hold public workshops during their stay in Spokane.

Jose Guerrero, one of the visiting artists in the Loop Press program, visited a Spanish class to talk about the immigration experience in America. Also, about 45 people attended a bookmaking workshop on campus that was held by Esme Guenther last spring.

The gallery hours for the Loop Press exhibit are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Some of the limited-edition prints displayed in the exhibit are also available to purchase in the art department office.

"There are a lot of different types of artwork displayed in this exhibit, so we hope that each person who comes to the exhibit will find something at least mildly interesting," Kolbo said.

Dancers swing the night away at club kickoff last weekend

Ballroom Dance club envisions big plans for upcoming school year, including off-campus events

**Nita Sporseen
Lacy Crowder**
Staff writers

Many Whitworth students find themselves spending Friday nights on a couch from Goodwill in a vegetative state. For those who joined Whitworth's ballroom dance last Friday, the evening spun by with a quick tempo.

The opening dance of the season held last Friday was attended by over 60 students. The ability level of those in attendance ranged from beginner to expert.

The evening opened with a series of lessons of uncomplicated dance styles. One style emphasized was East Coast Swing, a favorite of many students. The simplicity of East Coast Swing's basic step made it possible for many new dancers to be included.

"I like the fact that everyone is getting up and getting to dance," freshman Ian Zuck said.

Not all of the music played was swing. Requests were taken by Ballroom Dance Club officers, allowing most dancers to hear some of the songs they prefer. A large range of genres were played, including jazz, tango, salsa and some of the more popular Disney hits.

The dress code was casual and many of those in attendance wore jeans and sneakers.

Some returning members sported suit jackets and ties,

or swing skirts and dancing shoes.

The café was full and many of the attendees took turns sitting out so that others had space to dance.

Sophomore Patricia Rizzo, president of the Ballroom Dance Club, has big plans for the future of the club. Rizzo intends to highlight the relevance of dance around the college campus.

"When people realize what ballroom dancing is, they'll see that it's worth their time," Rizzo said.

In order to raise awareness, the club intends to host dances in the Loop. The aim is to increase visibility and make the activity accessible to students who may not have otherwise attended.

Another way that the Ballroom Dance Club's officers intend to incite interest is by promoting off-campus dances. Many students feel a need to escape the confines of Whitworth culture and dancing off campus is a chance for freedom and expression.

Rizzo expressed excitement about the interest and enthusiasm shown by members of the class of 2010. This is due in part to the increased presence of dance in popular media. Films such as "Take the Lead" spotlight dancing as an activity with the potential to be significant in any person's life.

"Ballroom dancing is not just a fun activity, it's also character building," Rizzo said.



TOP: Whitworth instructor Bonni Kealy and an Eastern Washington University student enjoy an energetic dance.

LEFT: Junior Nikolas Hoback dips another dancer to finish off the song.

ABOVE: Over 60 students attended the Ballroom Dance Club's first event of the year last Friday night. Students enjoyed the East Coast Swing among other swing styles.



Grapevine HUMOR

Be the first person in Duvall to...

- ▶ Set off the fire alarm.
- ▶ Take a warm shower.
- ▶ Lock yourself in storage.
- ▶ Fill the moat with water and inflatable alligators.
- ▶ Take the stairs to the fourth floor.
- ▶ Get lost trying to find the laundry room.
- ▶ Turn one of the lounges into a disco party that rivals Saturday Night Fever.
- ▶ Meet everyone on your floor.
- ▶ Get caught making out in the elevator.
- ▶ Find a secret passageway and use it to play capture the flag.
- ▶ Come back to Traditiation as an alumni.
- ▶ Have your window broken by a stray Frisbee.
- ▶ Throw a rotten pumpkin off the roof.
- ▶ Fill your living room with science experiments.
- ▶ Wear Duvall attire from head to toe.
- ▶ Turn the main kitchen into your own cooking show, then premiere it in the TV lounge.

City LIFE

Concert will benefit local musician's kids

A benefit concert for a local artist's family will be held at 7 p.m. tonight at the Met. Dax Johnson, a pianist and composer, passed away last November leaving behind five children. Tickets are \$12.50 through Tickets West or \$15 at the door. All proceeds will go towards an education fund for his children.

Interplayers presenting classic comedy

Spokane Interplayers Theatre will be presenting the comedy "Bus Stop" through Oct. 1. Tickets range from \$12 to \$21 and can be purchased through Tickets West or at the box office. "Bus Stop," written by William Inge, is a classic comedy about the relationships formed between bus passengers stranded at a roadside diner outside of Kansas City during a snowstorm. Visit www.interplayers.com for more information.

Broadway musical visiting Spokane venue

The Broadway musical "Chicago" will be playing today through Sept. 24 at the INB Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be purchased through Tickets West. The info desk will be selling tickets to the Sept. 24 evening show for \$45. Visit www.spokanecenter.com for more information.

Mencia to perform as part of comedy tour

Comedian Carlos Mencia will be performing tomorrow at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. at The Met. Tickets are \$36 and can be purchased through Tickets West. Mencia is being presented by Comedy Central Live as part of the Punisher Tour. Mencia's nightly show on Comedy Central airs Monday-Thursday at 10 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

— Compiled by Joy Bacon

A&E BRIEFS

Documentary follows student vocations

"Art in Me: An Exploration of Vocation and Calling" will be presented at 3:30 p.m. today in the Robinson Teaching Theatre. The documentary follows eight personal stories of young people on the road to self-discovery. The film seeks to provide an introduction to vocation and personal examples of people engaging the world in dynamic ways in multiple settings. Admission is free.

Mind and Hearth to host entertainers

Local poets and musicians will have the opportunity to perform at the Mind and Hearth coffee shop every other Friday afternoon. Details will be coming soon. Questions can be directed to activities coordinator Thomas Ruble.

— Compiled by Joy Bacon

Weekly EVENTS

TUESDAY | SEPT. 19

- Blood Drive in HUB Cafe 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- "Art in Me" documentary showing 3:30 p.m.
- Mary Nelson lecture 7 p.m. in Robinson Teaching Theatre
- Last day to drop/add classes

WEDNESDAY | SEPT. 20

- Spokane Valley Police chief Cal Walker presentation 8 p.m.
- Loop Press exhibit in Koehler Gallery
- President's prayer breakfast for community pastors

THURSDAY | SEPT. 21

- Service Learning fair in HIB multipurpose room, 9:30 a.m.
- Loop Press Exhibit in Koehler Gallery
- President's coffee for staff

FRIDAY | SEPT. 22

- Fridays at Whitworth for prospective students
- Loop Press exhibit in Koehler Gallery

SATURDAY | SEPT. 23

- The Last Chance Summer Dance will be held at the Drive Inn house at 9 p.m. Cost is \$1.

SUNDAY | SEPT. 24

- No events scheduled

MONDAY | SEPT. 25

- Freddy Urbano lecture on Columbia 7 p.m.
- Faculty Scholarship forum featuring Rebekah Rice, philosophy professor

'Hollywoodland' acting gives viewers glimpse of the truth

Lucas Beechinor
Staff writer

New film follows case of George Reeves

As the summer movie season ends, many moviegoers might think that blockbuster adventures such as "Superman Returns" and "Pirates of the Caribbean Two: Dead Man's Chest" will be the best movies they'll get to see for the next few months.

The recent release of "Hollywoodland" will keep audiences coming back to the big screen for a while longer.

Inspired by one of Hollywood's most notorious mysteries, the film retells the story of Superman actor George Reeves, his mysterious death and the private investigator drawn into the web of corruption and scandals that clouded him from the truth.

Featuring an all-star cast headed by Adrien Brody, Ben Affleck and Diane Lane, "Hollywoodland" recaptures the smoky noir film atmosphere and angst-ridden drama that make any murder mystery worth seeing.

Louis Simo (Adrien Brody) is a washed-up private investigator who stumbles into the Reeves case. He thinks he might be onto something big when signs of Reeves' apparent suicide suddenly look like murder.

Faced by corporate corruption, crooked lawmen and greedy mistresses, Simo becomes immersed in a case that big names in Hollywood want left alone.

As Simo learns more of Reeves' life, his friends and the events that led to his infamous role as Superman, the audience is drawn into the life of the

charismatic George Reeves, expertly played by Ben Affleck.

Tormented by a role that has permanently labeled him as the "Man of Steel," Reeves bemoans the prospect that he'll never act as anything else.

Reeves is tortured by the barriers he feels he has placed on himself. He also isn't helped by the women he loves. They seem bent on using him for their own pleasure.

The film follows two storylines and flashes from Simo's pursuit of the truth to the events in Reeve's life just before his death. As the movie progresses, the audience sees similarities between both men and understands why Simo might be so compelled to solve a mystery involving a man he never knew.

Allusions to similarities in their pasts keep viewers immersed and enrich the story. The expert cinematography, dialogue and perfectly fitting

soundtrack all play together seamlessly.

The movie certainly earns its R rating, with liberal use of profanity and some graphic adult situations, as well as brief moments of violence and a little gore.

Half fiction, half reality, "Hollywoodland" doesn't determine what actually happened to Reeves or if he really committed suicide. The film plays masterfully off its fiction elements, which saves it from becoming a docudrama.

While it is apparent that Reeves felt cheapened out of his movie-star status when he was called into service during World War II, there is no denying the small-time fame he achieved during his short career in the years before the war.

After a stellar performance in a 1939 production of "Gone With the Wind," Reeves received notable recognition and was contracted to production studios such as Warners, Fox, and Paramount Pictures. These eventually lead him to his now iconic role as Superman, which may or may not have been the catalyst for his mysterious death.

While the nature of Reeve's death is still surrounded in controversy, "Hollywoodland" doesn't necessarily push audiences into believing one cause of death over the other, and doesn't intrude on what might have really happened.

Though the truth is still clouded in debates to this day, "Hollywoodland" is worth the \$7 to see it before its DVD release.

MOVIE

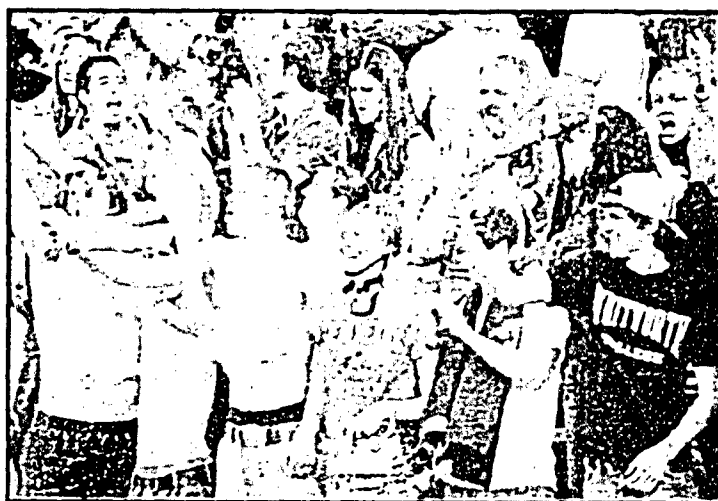


Hollywoodland

★★★★★

Director: Allen Coulter
Starring: Adrien Brody, Ben Affleck, Diane Lane
Genre: Biography
Rating: R for language, violence, sexual content
Running Time: 126 min.

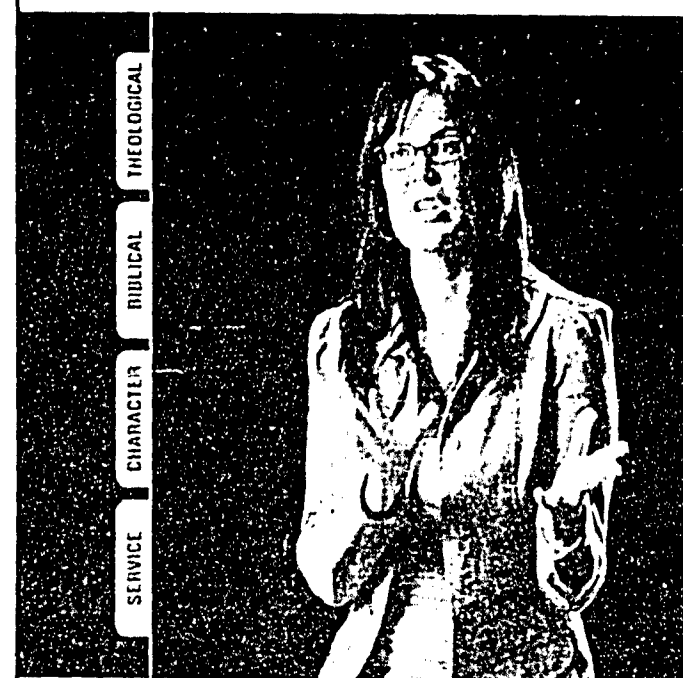
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HAGGARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY



Angie Horn-Andreu, M.Div., '07

Director, High School and College Ministries, Forest Home, Forest Falls, California

LESSON LEARNED: No question threatens God.

MY STORY: Imagine this - a 16-year-old comes up to you and asks how God, who is supposed to be loving, allowed his friend to die in a car accident. How do you begin to answer this? I'll tell you how I do it.

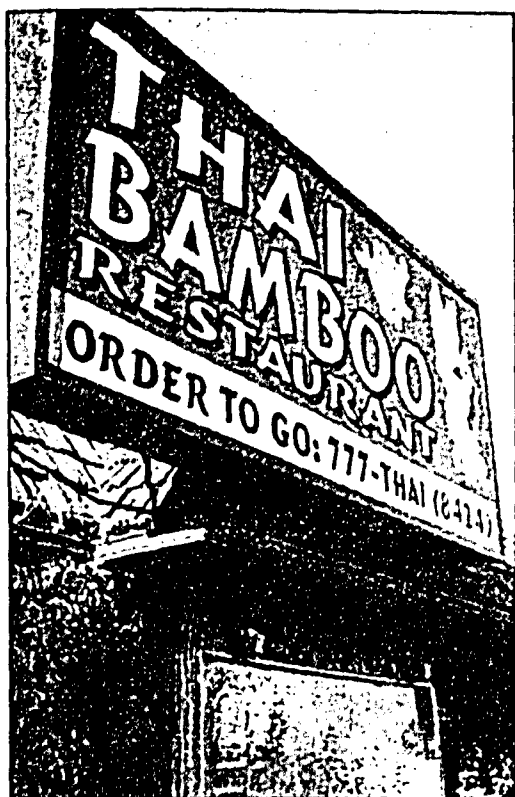
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Alyssa Jones/Whitworthian

ABOVE: A plate of sweet and sour chicken is a popular order at Thai Bamboo, a local restaurant.

LEFT: Thai Bamboo, located at 5204 N Division St., is an affordable outlet for quality Thai food in Spokane.

Thai food proves worthwhile



Galen Sanford
Staff writer

My first two years of school I complained that there wasn't any good ethnic food in Spokane. When I heard about Thai Bamboo, I was skeptical. A friend told me it was excellent Thai food. I considered his description subjective and decided to find out myself. Now I agree and consider Thai Bamboo the best Asian food in Spokane. The atmosphere exceeds most Thai restaurants. The service is comfortable. The food is fresh-cooked with all-natural sauces, and the menu is large and reasonably priced.

What I was most interested in at Thai Bamboo was the food. Overall I was satisfied. I'll consider each element: the rice was sticky and long grained; the chicken was juicy; the peppers, carrots and green beans were fresh and crisp. The tofu was cooked perfectly- crisp on the outside, soft in the middle, and flavored all the way through.

As for the sauce, I ordered one star so I'd be able to taste the flavor of the actual chili sauce. Sadly, I couldn't. All I could taste was the hot. It was a good hot, but I was disappointed I couldn't taste anything else.

My waitress was prompt. She gave me five

RESTAURANT

Thai Bamboo

★★★★★

Location:

5204 N Division St

Hours: M-Th 11:30-9 p.m., Fri. 11:30-9:30 p.m., Sat. 12-9:30 p.m., Sun. 12-9 p.m.

Type: Asian, family style

Average meal cost: \$8-14

Contact information:

509-777-THAI

thaibamboorestaurant.com

minutes to look over the menu, and my food was on the table seven minutes after I ordered. My water was always full and she was prompt when I asked for the check. My total time in the restaurant was about 45 minutes- great for a sit down establishment.

The staff was accommodating. They welcomed modifying my Chicken Cashew Nut, adding a nice amount of tofu to my plate (though they charged \$1 extra). When my Chicken Cashew Nut came without cashews, my waitress was back in 30 seconds with a bowl of them. I

heard her jokingly yell at the chef, who apparently often forgets the cashews.

Thai restaurants aren't known for their atmosphere, but Thai Bamboo exceeds most. The seating areas are clean and bright. The windows are decorated with etchings from Thai myths, bamboo grows outside the windows. Most of the decorative furniture is bamboo, and two fountains mask the kitchen noise. There are what the Thai Bamboo Web site calls "huge imported Thai stone art pieces," including two jeweled and gold statues of women at the entrance. Still, Thai Bamboo felt a bit like a typical strip-mall restaurant with dim bathrooms, old wood furniture and the requisite free newspaper stands.

Thai Bamboo has the largest menu of all the Thai restaurants I've visited. There are large vegetarian and seafood sections in addition to the traditional meat choices. The prices are \$8 to \$14 for entrees, soups and salads, and the portions are large. I ate two platefuls of rice and Chicken Cashew Nut, and still had enough to fill a Saga-style takeout box. They have an especially good lunch deal. For \$6.99, you get a lunch-sized portion of Phad Thai noodles and one entree, plus all-you-can-eat jasmine rice. You can see a complete menu on their Web site, www.thaibamboorestaurant.com.

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Clark, Tully lead Pirates to rout

Justin Jose
Staff writer

The Whitworth Pirates routed the La Verne Leopards 37-16 before 1,505 fans in the Whitworth Pine Bowl, to mark the 100-year anniversary of Whitworth football.

The Pirates, playing in their home opener after last week's win over University of Redlands, began the day in dominating fashion. Whitworth's first possession was on their 26-yard line, and five plays later the Pirates struck gold when senior quarterback Joel Clark hooked up with senior tight end Michael Allan for a 38-yard score.

Whitworth gained the lead and would not relinquish it.

Whitworth, ranked 17th in the D3football.com poll, is now 2-0 while La Verne drops to 0-2.

"Our team continued to play well on both sides of the ball," head coach John Tully said. "La Verne is a tough team, but we came out and played aggressive and came out on top."

Clark threw for 199 yards, completing 15 of 19 attempts with two touchdowns and no interceptions. The longest play on offense came on a run rather than a pass by Clark.

Clark, who is widely known for his great arm, displayed his rushing skills in the second quarter when he faked a hand-off, took off around the left end and ran 76 yards untouched for a touchdown, which, after the extra point attempt, made it 21-0.

Clark finished the game with 331 total yards and three touchdowns. He ran for 132 yards on six rushes. The Whitworth offense compiled 454 yards against La Verne's defense, while the Leopards countered with 406 yards of total offense.

Whitworth's defense allowed 168 yards and a field goal in the first half. La Verne's Steven Martinez hit a striding Michael Moreno for a 61-yard score. On the ensuing kickoff, Whitworth fumbled and La Verne recovered the ball in Whitworth territory.

With the fumble, La Verne appeared to have gained the momentum and the once easy win for Whitworth, shifted into a battle. The Pirate defense held La Verne, allowing the Whitworth offense to inflict more damage upon the Leopards. The result, a two-yard touchdown run from junior running back Kyle Havercroft which made the score 28-10.

La Verne had one more opportunity to close the gap to 11 points, but was unable to capitalize. The Leopard offense had the ball on first-and-goal but the Whitworth defense clamped down. The Pirates held the first three plays and on fourth-and-goal, the Pi-



Junior Jay Tully intercepts a pass in the end zone during Saturday's 37-16 over the LaVerne Leopards. Tully returned the interception for 37 yards. In addition to the interception, Tully had 10 tackles and a pass break-up.

rates opportunistic defense came up with an interception.

The Pirates offense snuffed out any hope of a La Verne comeback with a touchdown run from sophomore running back Shane Stonemetz, his first career touchdown. Whitworth's defense ceded 238 yards and two touchdowns to La Verne in the second half.

"Our defense played well but we weren't as aggressive as we normally are, but we came up big when we had to," junior strong safety Jay Tully said.

Tully led the defense with 10 tackles, an interception and a broken-up pass. The Pirates defense forced three interceptions, a fumble and a blocked PAT. Tully, junior linebacker Greg

Caster, and junior defensive back Ryan Marshall intercepted La Verne's Martinez. Marshall also returned the blocked PAT for two points.

Whitworth's other touchdown came in the second quarter when the La Verne defense appeared confused and Clark quickly hiked the ball and threw a slant to a wide open junior wide receiver Nick Koller for the score. Junior wide receiver Steve Silva led the receiving corps with eight catches for 76 yards.

The Pirates look to continue their plunder of the gridiron next week at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, who has received votes for a national ranking.

"Our team continued to play well on both sides of the ball."

John Tully,
Football head coach

Jesse Clark, Whitworthian

Pirates open NWC play with pair of wins

Collin Storm
Sports Editor

The quest to three-peat as the NWC champions got off on the right foot this weekend. That is, the right foot of senior midfielders Ali Seyedali and Sean Lambrecht.

The Pirates opened conference play last Saturday hosting the George Fox Bruins. The Pirates, picked by the NWC coaches to win the league title, scored 19 minutes into the match when Lambrecht punched in a deflected shot.

Then, with 4:30 left in the first half, Seyedali received a pass from senior Chris Johnson and chipped the ball over the head of keeper Kyle Putnam for the 2-0 lead they took into the half.

Just 12 minutes into the second half, Lambrecht scored his second goal of the match when he received a cross from sophomore midfielder Caleb Barnhill.

The Pirates outshot the Bruins 18-5 in the game. Senior goalie Kevin Bostock made four saves on his way to his first shutout of the season.

In the second game of the weekend, the Pirates hosted the Willamette Bearcats. The Pirates found out just 15 minutes before the game that Bostock had injured his hand and that reserve junior Lance Beck would get the nod in goal.

"I wasn't supposed to start, so it was a pretty intense 15 minutes before the game trying to get ready," Beck said.

Beck and the Pirates were tested early when the Bearcats capitalized on a defensive breakdown. Trevor Jones took a cross from Austin Buell in the 13th minute to take a 1-0 lead.

The Bearcats maintained that lead for much of the first half until Seyedali capitalized on a free kick opportunity from about 10 yards outside the box. Seyedali put it into the near post without a reaction from the Bearcats goalie Mark Bennett.

The Pirates had another opportunity with a minute left in the first half, but a free kick by Barnhill went wide, and the first half ended in a 1-1 tie.

The tie remained until the 66th minute when senior forward Niko Varlamos found the back of the net.

"CJ (Chris Johnson) went down the line and Jordan (Lister) got in the way of the goalie," Varlamos said. "CJ sent the ball to me and I had an easy tap-in."

Two minutes later the Pirates extended their lead to 3-1 when Johnson headed in a cross in the box from Seyedali.

Whitworth scored their final goal just two minutes later when Lister put home a pass from junior midfielder Matt Friesen. The Pirates scored three goals in four minutes to ensure a home victory and an early lead in the standings.

"We knew we were a better team, we just needed to get going," Beck said.

Lambrecht agreed, saying it was good to win the pair of home matches.

"It's always good to get a couple of wins to start the season," Lambrecht said. "If you get a loss you don't start with any momentum, so you're catching up the rest of the season."

After a slow start to the season losing back-to-back games to University of Redlands and Concordia Univer-

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Pirates open season at Sundodger

*Women finish 8th,
Men 9th in Seattle*

KT Pridgen
Staff writer

The men's and women's cross country teams performed well last Saturday at the Sundodger Invitational in Seattle, despite being up against several larger schools.

The men's team finished 9th out of 28 teams and second in the conference to University of Puget Sound, who finished 7th. Simon Fraser University (Burnaby, B.C.) won the meet with the low score of 59. Seattle Pacific University and Chico

State University (Chico, Calif.) finished 2nd and 3rd respectively.

"It was a great meet. Both teams performed as well as I expected and even better than I expected. I'm very content with our performance," head coach Toby Schwarz said.

Freshman Dusty Caseria led the men's team, finishing 46th out of 281 runners with a time of 26:10.

"It was his first ever 8k, and he ran great," Schwarz said.

Also running well on the men's team were Jeff Grassley and Jacob Deitz who finished 57th and 77th respectively.

David Kipiagat of University of Alaska-Anchorage won the men's event, averaging just under 5-min-

ute miles for the race.

The women's team finished 8th overall and again took second in conference to UPS. Senior Julie Lauterbach was the top runner for the Pirates, finishing 22nd out of 265 runners and posting a personal best time of 22:44. Freshman Jo Mayer, in her first 6k, also had an impressive race, finishing 56th with a time of 23:31.

"On the women's side, it's close to being the best team we've ever had. By the end of the year, because of all the freshmen, we'll be even better," Schwarz said.

Whitworth will host a short course Invitational this Saturday starting at 10:00 a.m.



Sophomore Alex Olschner sprints to the finish line of the Sundodger Invitational in Seattle. Olschner finished the 8k race in 27:08, which is a 5.28 mile.

Courtesy of David Robinson

Thibodeau, Pirates split two



Justin Hancock/Whitworthian
Juniors Joel Hagerott and Greta Thibodeau celebrate after Thibodeau scored a goal in a 2-0 win over George Fox.

Elise Page
Staff writer

On the opening weekend for women's soccer, the Pirates celebrated a win and were dealt a loss.

Saturday they played the George Fox Bruins and came away with a 2-0 win. Junior forward Greta Thibodeau scored the goals, all within the first 15 minutes of the game.

"She really did well at running at girls and getting crosses in. Offensively, she was really effective," sophomore forward Tori Crain said.

As a whole, the girls played well and were excited about their performance.

"We worked the ball really well and did a good job of getting it forward," sophomore forward Whitney Ramsey

said. "We gave ourselves a lot of good opportunities."

Coach Sean Bushey was also happy with the girls' performance.

"With George Fox, we started out well and fast," Bushey said. "During the first 20 minutes, we were really dominating and that really decided it for us. We tapered off a little in the second half, but on the whole it was a good game."

On Sunday, the girls duked it out with the Willamette Bearcats in a rough game that saw three yellow cards and ended in a 3-1 loss for the Pirates.

"Our team played really well overall, but it was more of a physical battle than a game of soccer," junior midfielder Kara Tisthammer said.

Tisthammer scored the first

goal just 2:44 into the game when she crossed the ball into the box. The ball bounced off a Willamette defender and into the goal. The goal, credited as an own goal, got the Pirates off on the right foot.

Willamette answered when Rachel Janney headed a long free kick by Laura Uhlman-siek past keeper Leah Motz to tie the game at 1-1. Just five minutes later the Bearcats took the lead for the first time when Uhlman-siek scored off a shot from the top of the box.

The Bearcats held that lead for over 20 minutes when Meghan Anderson extended the lead to 3-1 just two-and-a-half minutes before halftime.

"Willamette started well, but we had a lapse in confi-

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Sports BRIEFS

Wolverines shock Fighting Irish, win easily

Michigan quarterback Chad Henne connected with receiver Mario Manningham for three touchdowns to lead the Wolverines to a 47-21 win over Notre Dame. The 47 points were the most Notre Dame had given up at home in 46 years. Heisman candidate Brady Quinn was picked off by the Michigan defense three times and fumbled once, which was returned for a touchdown. Henne was 13 of 22 for 220 yards, while Michigan running back Mike Hart added 124 yards rushing.

Woods loses at World Match Play to Miceel

After five straight tournament victories, Tiger Woods finally lost to Shaun Miceel at the World Match Play Championships last Thursday. Miceel, who lost to Paul Casey in the finals, defeated Woods 4 and 3 to move on. Sunday, Casey defeated Miceel 10 and 8 to win the title in England.

Back-up punter arrested in stabbing

Mitch Cozad, the back-up punter at University of Northern Colorado, allegedly stabbed first-string punter Rafael Mendoza in the back of his kicking leg. Cozad, whose knife left a 3-to-5 inch puncture, was arrested for second-degree assault and was released last Wednesday on \$30,000 bond. Mendoza was treated at a Greeley, Colo. hospital and released. He missed last Saturday's game against Texas State.

Ex-Mariner throws 7 2/3 perfect innings

Freddy Garcia, a pitcher for the Chicago White Sox, was unhittable into the eighth inning last Wednesday against the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. Adam Kennedy singled to break up the perfect game, as the White Sox defeated the Angels 9-0. Garcia moved to 14-9 on the year. Paul Konerko went 4-for-4 with two RBIs to lead the Sox. The White Sox are battling for the AL Central title with the Detroit Tigers and Minnesota Twins, as well as the final birth into the playoffs as the Wild Card.

— Compiled by
Yasmeen Cobb

MEN'S GOLF

Bucs open title defense with win at Walla Walla

KT Pridgen
Staff writer

The Whitworth men's golf team had an impressive showing in their first tournament of the season again the Whitman Missionaries. The two teams met last Saturday at the Whitman Duel held at the Walla Walla Veteran's Memorial Golf Course. The Pirates shot a 301 to beat the Missionaries who ended the tournament with a score of 327.



THOMPSON



PARROTT

Whitworth juniors Sean Thompson and Andrew Parrott tied for first, both shooting one over par at 73.

Junior Jordan Carter shot 77, closely followed by sophomore Bobby Elder who shot 78.

Last year, the men's team won the Northwest Conference championship. Carter is optimistic about the team's chances in the upcoming season as well.

"Last year was good, but this year will be better. We've got a lot of returnees. Our ultimate goal is to get to Nationals and place in the top five," Carter said.

This year, for the first time ever, the winner of the Northwest Conference will get an automatic bid to the national tournament.

The team's next match will be the Idaho Vandal Classic Sept. 25 and 26 hosted by the University of Idaho.

VOLLEYBALL

Pirates snap streak

Sara Moorehouse
Staff writer

After a challenging 1-9 pre-season, the Whitworth volleyball team was ready to see some conference play.

They traveled to Portland last weekend face tenth-ranked Linfield College, third-ranked University of La Verne and conference foe Willamette University.

Whitworth lost 30-26, 30-23, 30-21 to Linfield last Friday night. However head coach Steve Rupe was pleased with how the women played.

"Linfield home games are tough; we haven't beat them at home for the past four years," Rupe said.

Senior outside hitter Angie Florence led the team with 12 kills.

"We came out really strong. The score didn't really reflect as well as we played," Florence said.

"Volleyball is very much a trust sport; you have to trust your teammates."

Steve Rupe,
Volleyball coach

Junior Holly Ridings, a former basketball player for Whitworth, felt at home in her new sport. She stepped up as a setter from the defensive specialist position this past weekend.

"We weren't sure how we were going to play, but we came out with fire. We shocked all of our coaches," Ridings said.

Last Saturday, the Pirate women lost their first game of the day to La Verne. Coach Rupe said that it was a competitive game and he saw improvement since the team played La Verne in California during the pre-season.

"It's a new group figuring out how to play with each other ... Volleyball is very much a trust sport; you have to trust your teammates," Rupe said.

That trust surfaced in Saturday's second game versus Willamette. Whitworth won the first, third and fifth games, with a substantial victory in the fifth, 15-4.

Junior Cassie Moore, sporting 31 digs in five matches, said the team is playing and reacting to each other now.

"I think that we finally played with true confidence; that is what proved it," Moore said.

The Whitworth women still have work ahead of them. Coach Rupe said that they will be working on ball control and setting up their attack and defensive strategies this next

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A summer of breakdowns

Peter Smelser
Editor-in-Chief

Baseball season was in full stride; tennis and golf held major tournaments and for a month the entire world's (except for the United States) attention turned to Germany. Reminiscing on the great sports summer that has just passed, there seems to be one common thread: breakdowns.

The dynasty breakdown

The summer started with baseball season and so this column begins with baseball. For well over a decade, the Atlanta Braves dominated their division. Hopes were high again for this team, but nothing really panned out. Atlanta was destined to fall sometime, and they fell hard this year. Trouble with the closer position was the least of the Braves' problems as they got outplayed and outclassed by the New York Mets. By the All-Star break, they were 13 games out of first place, and they never recovered.

Equally as impressive has been the Detroit Tigers' collapse and the Minnesota Twins' rise in the AL Central, making a seemingly less unimportant pennant race something to watch down the stretch. As good as the Twins have been at erasing an 11-game deficit, with Johan Santana and Francisco Liriano pitching lights out, the Tigers have been just as bad. The Tigers ought to make the playoffs with their cupcake schedule down the stretch, but nothing is a gimme in baseball anymore.

The mental breakdown

The scene was set at Winged Foot Golf Course in New York. Lefty was one hole away from taking his third consecutive major at the U.S. Open and then, who really knows. Phil Mickelson imploded on the final hole. His decision to hit a driver off the tee drove the nail into the coffin that waited on the other side. Mickelson was hunting out there, hunting for the kill, rather than playing to win. Ultimately he failed and has been in a funk, suffering from post-traumatic stupidity syndrome. Phil will get back to form, but right now he is still rethinking that 18th hole.

The he did what?! breakdown

After a month-long party and pageantry, the World Cup final found two old European powers battling it out. France was the surprise team; the old guys came through proving that their 1998 win was not a fluke. Zinedine Zidane was back in old form, looking youthful. But in the championship game against a determined and scandal-ridden Italian squad, Zidane showed his youthful side with a head butt of an Italian player late in the game. This drew a red card. Zidane was not available for the penalty shootout that followed 120 minutes of soccer. In the end the Italians won and the French excused the behavior. Zidane had a complete mental lapse, which he has had periodically throughout his career. What he did was inexcusable no matter who said what to whom. It was an ironic end to the World Cup, to see one of game's greats walk out of the stadium past the trophy that he would not be able to hoist.

This was the summer of breakdowns.

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Football

	NWC	ALL
Whitworth	0-0	2-0
Puget Sound	0-0	2-0
Menlo	0-0	2-1
Linfield	0-0	0-2
Lewis & Clark	0-0	0-2
PLU	0-0	0-2
Willamette	0-0	0-3

Next Pirate game:

Whitworth at Wisconsin-Stout
Saturday, Sept. 23 @ 1 p.m.

Women's Soccer

	NWC	ALL
Willamette	2-0	5-0-1
Puget Sound	2-0	4-0-1
PLU	2-0	5-1
Whitworth	1-1	3-1-1
George Fox	1-1	3-2
Pacific	0-1-1	2-1-2
Linfield	0-1-1	2-3-1
Lewis & Clark	0-2	2-4
Whitman	0-2	0-3

Next Pirate game:

Whitworth at Unifield
Saturday, Sept. 23 @ Noon

Men's Soccer

	NWC	ALL
Whitworth	2-0	3-2-1
Whitman	1-0	2-0-1
Puget Sound	1-0	4-0
PLU	0-0	3-1
Willamette	0-0	1-5-1
Pacific	0-0	3-1
Linfield	0-0	3-2
George Fox	0-0	4-2-1

Next Pirate game:

Whitworth at Unifield
Saturday, Sept. 23 @ 2:30 p.m.

Volleyball

	NWC	ALL
Linfield	2-0	9-0
Puget Sound	2-0	7-1
PLU	2-0	7-4
Whitman	1-1	5-5
Lewis & Clark	1-1	3-9
Whitworth	1-1	2-11
Willamette	0-2	3-8
George Fox	0-2	3-9
Pacific	0-2	3-9

Next Pirate game:

Whitworth vs. Lewis & Clark
Saturday, Sept. 22 @ 7 p.m.

Player of THE WEEK



Joel Clark
Quarterback

255 rushing yards, 199 passing yards, 3 TDs



Senior midfielder Sean Lambrecht hits the back of the net while two George Fox Bruins look on. Lambrecht, who helped lead the Pirates to two wins last weekend, scored two goals in the 3-0 win over the Bruins. "It's always good to get a couple of wins to start the season. If you get a loss, you don't start the season with any momentum, so you're catching up the rest of the season," Lambrecht said.

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dence," Bushey said. "(Willamette's) third goal was unlucky; there was a lot of fighting for it."

The girls felt they played better in the second half, increasing intensity and working together to make a comeback.

"We really picked up the intensity in the second half," sophomore midfielder Mahyo Seyedali said.

Despite the loss, Bushey said there is a lot to learn in losing.

"In the second half, we had a good fight, but we just couldn't get it. It was a good lesson for these girls to learn," Bushey said.

The Pirates look to take these lessons on the road next weekend when they face Linfield and Pacific.

"We want to put this game behind us," sophomore defensive back Kelly Baker said. "We have 14 games to go and we'll get them next time."

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sity, then tying Simon Fraser University, the Pirates were excited to get the conference season under way.

"It's good to get two wins out of the way," Varlamos said. "We struggled the first few games only scoring two goals, so to have scored seven goals this weekend was good. It's good to get it rolling as we head into conference and play tougher teams like Linfield."

The Pirates outshot the Beareats 26-2, with 13 shots coming in each half. The Pirates also had more opportunities for goals off corner kicks, with five chances to Willamette's one.

Beck will continue to be the starter until further notice since the extent of Bostock's injury is unknown. Beck picked up his first career win in the match, allowing only one goal while making one save.

The Pirates head to Oregon next weekend to face Linfield, which is predicted to finish third in the conference, and Pacific.

CONFERENCE BRIEFS

Football

Defending NWC champions Linfield College lost their second-straight game to open their 2006 campaign. The 18th-ranked Wildcats dropped 21-6 outcome to sixth-ranked Hardin-Simmons University. Linfield will start their NWC schedule Sept. 30 when they host the Willamette University Bearcats.

Men's Soccer

Despite a two unanswered goal comeback, the University of Puget Sound Loggers held off the Linfield College Wildcats 3-2 in a match-up of NWC powerhouses.

Women's Soccer

Four-time defending NWC champion University of Puget Sound started their run for a fifth straight title by defeating Lewis & Clark College 5-1 and Linfield College 2-0.

Volleyball

Pacific Lutheran University started their 2006 season by sweeping Lewis & Clark College (30-28, 30-13, 30-18) and Pacific University (30-22, 30-27, 30-23).

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week to prepare for their first home games.

"We beat both Lewis and Clark and George Fox last year. It is pretty realistic for us to be 3-1 next week," Rupe said.

Florence said the team is excited to be at home with the fans supporting them.

The Pirates, who are now 1-1 in the NWC and 2-11 overall will look to improve their record starting this weekend. The Pirate women will host a pair of NWC opponents when they face Lewis and Clark Friday at 7 p.m. and George Fox Saturday at 3 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

under the

LIGHTS

with
Ali Seyedali
midfielder

Brains

"We are the planets and he is our sun. He gives us all energy," teammate Sean Lambrecht said.

Heart

"All's one of the hardest workers on the team. On days off he's still working and during the summer he's still working," teammate Niko Varlamos said.

Favorite Story

"His goal against Redlands was from 35 (yards) out. It was sick-nasty," Lambrecht said.

Free Kicks

"He's the best in the league at free kicks," Varlamos said. Seyedali scored off a free kick against Willamette University last weekend.

Seyedali, a senior, was named Second Team All-American as a junior.

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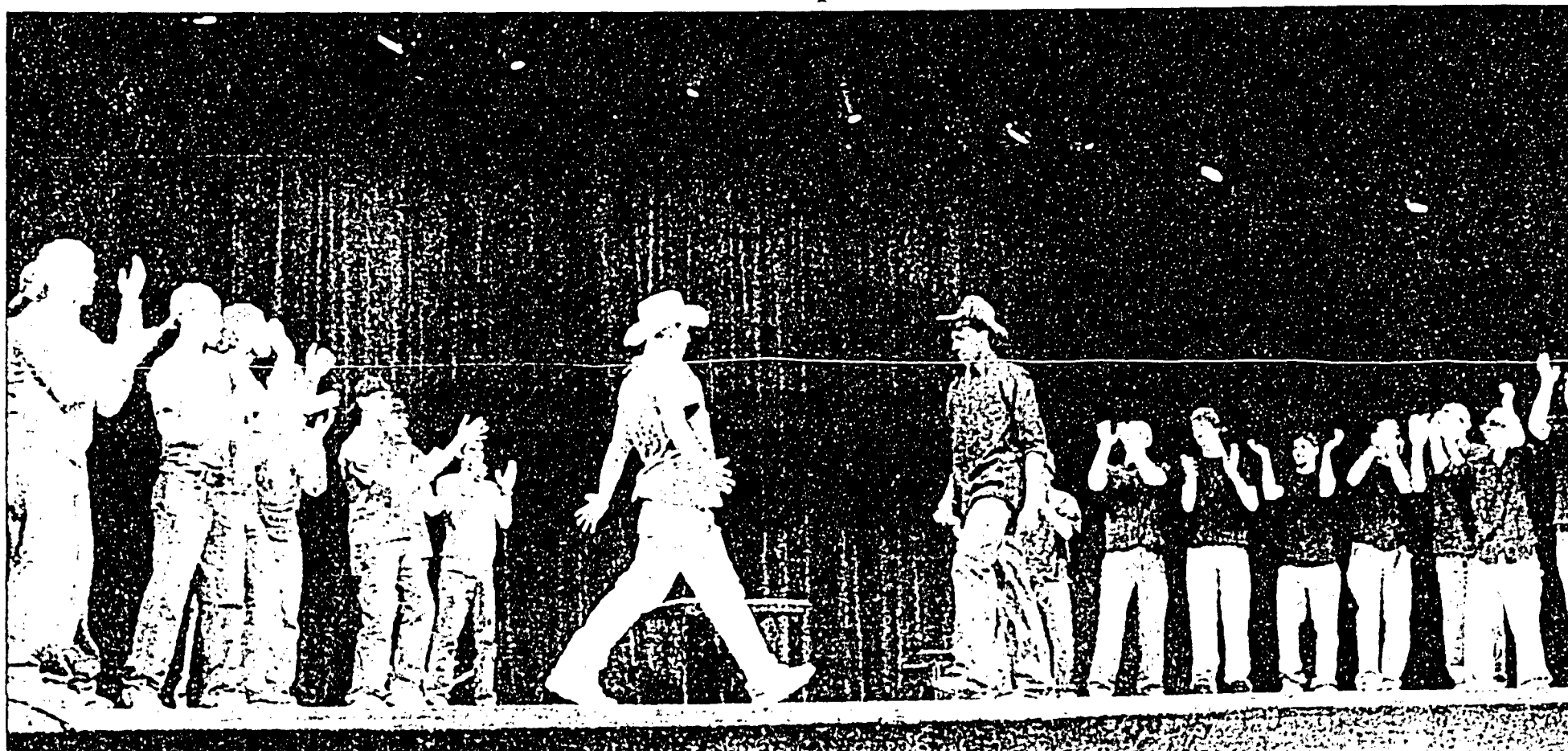
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TOP: Warren freshmen challenge each other to a dance off duel during Mock Rock on Sept. 5.

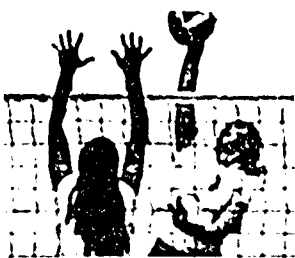
MIDDLE LEFT: Freshman Daniel Herve sings along with Stuvall during Mock Rock.

MIDDLE: Stuvall freshmen perform a light show during Mock Rock.

ABOVE: Mac pre men serenade the ladies in the audience during Yell Off on Sept. 4.

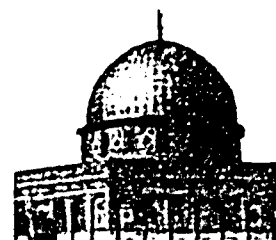
FAR LEFT: Freshman Lukas Brattner and sophomore Ryan Turk zoom across the stage during Yell Off.

LEFT: Senior Seth Wall impersonates professor Leonard Oakland during Mock Rock.



Volleyball moves to 2-2
Women's volleyball loses to Lewis & Clark
Friday, beats George Fox Saturday
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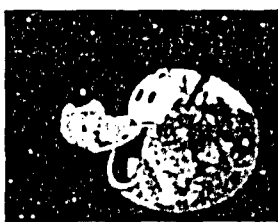
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Music collector's eclectic creations

Student creates tunes for upcoming demo release with friend.

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Football makes comeback

Pirates complete dramatic comeback and win 14-13 in double overtime.

WORD FOR WORD

"We lied in the morning, we lied in the evening."

- Ferenc Gyurcsany
Prime Minister of Hungary

Gyurcsany's comments in a speech about the economic status of the country set off riots in the streets of Hungary this past week

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Nate Chute Whitworthian

A student's vehicle was broken into while parked in the lower Baldwin Jenkins parking lot along with four others throughout campus in a spree of crime last week.

Crime hits campus

Rebecca Snape
Staff writer

Junior Dallas Crockett walked through the Baldwin-Jenkins parking lot last week to find the rear driver's side window of his car had been shattered. Crockett is one of five students who reported similar damage to campus security last week.

All five cars were parked in the BJ and Duvall Hall parking lots.

Campus surveillance cameras recorded the incidents. Security is working with the Sheriff's Department to identify the suspect.

The tapes provide evidence, said Marisha Hamm, Manager of En-



Nate Chute Whitworthian

The left drivers side window was broken last week behind Baldwin-Jenkins.

vironmental Health, Safety and Security. Despite this, the investigators had no leads as of last Sunday.

Campus security currently con-

sists of patrolling officers and video surveillance. Whitworth is constantly updating its security efforts, due to the growing number of students on campus, Hamm said.

Four new cameras were installed last year. Funding has been provided for a new full time officer on staff, security supervisor LeRoy Fantasia said.

"We'll be able to increase our patrol activity and hope to improve on a good record (with this new position)," Fantasia said. "We plan to install more cameras when the funds become available."

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Decision stirs up debate in PC(U.S.A.)

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Rosa Gibbons
Staff writers

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) approved an authoritative interpretation by a narrow vote this past June in Birmingham, Ala. Its obscure language has left many speculating just where the line will be drawn between those who can and those who cannot be ordained.

An authoritative interpretation (AI) is an addition to the constitution which "is supposed to clarify for the church what something [in the Constitution] means," said Pastor Rob Eymann of Whitworth Community Presbyterian Church. "This one fogs it — it makes it much more difficult to understand."

In 2001, the PC (U.S.A.) was concerned about some issues that were dividing the denomination. In order to remedy this problem, the General Assembly appointed a Theological Task Force on Peace, Unity and Purity of the Church to study the issue and make recommendations on what could be changed.

Five years later, they released their Report on the Peace, Unity and Purity of the Church (PUP report) to the General Assembly. It included seven recommendations.

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Poll finds students will vote in midterm elections

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Whitworth students may be ahead of the national trend in voter turnout for 18 to 29-year-olds in the November midterm election, according to a recent student poll conducted by The Whitworthian.

Out of 106 students polled, 86 said that they will vote in the general election if they are able. The poll was conducted in the dinner-hour line in front of the Sodexo Food Court last Wednesday.

This year's election follows a presidential election that experienced the largest surge in over a decade in voter turnout for 18 to 29-year-olds. In 2004, the youth turnout rate reached 53 percent in Washington. For 18 to 24-year-olds, 47 percent voted nationwide, according to civicyouth.org.

The national voter turnout for this age group in the

2002 midterm elections was far lower at 22 percent, according to civicyouth.org. Even in 1994 — a better comparison to this year because it followed a similar spike in voting for a presidential election — voter turnout reached only 26 percent.

"Voting is, in part, a habit," said Michael Le Roy, professor of political science and vice president of academic affairs. "A lot of young people haven't formed adult habits like filing tax returns, taking out the trash, or working a forty-hour workweek."

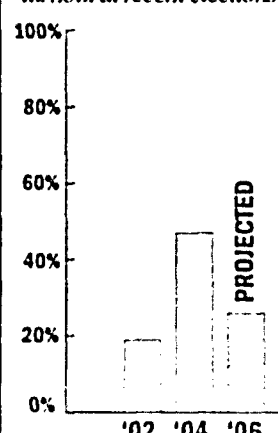
Other reasons for the discrepancy between Whitworth's projected turnout and the national trend could be students either failing to register or not receiving their absentee ballots in time. Voters in Washington must register by Oct. 10, which is 30 days prior to the election.

According to The Whitworthian poll, 70 of 106 students were registered to vote. Many said they sent in

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Voter rates

Percentage of 18-25 turnout at recent elections



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A student plays Sudoku instead of taking notes in the Robinson Teaching Theatre during a Core 250 lecture last week. Many classes have cracked down on the proper use of laptops during lectures in the past year.

Laptops: Learning tool or distraction?

Hannah Whitsel
Staff writer

Laptops may be detrimental to the learning atmosphere in classrooms when students use them for unrelated activities.

"Let's be honest everyone in class uses them to do that stuff [play games and check e-mail]," senior Curt Olson said.

Some students have used laptops to play games, send e-mail and surf the net during class.

"I'm just glad I don't have a laptop. I'd just be playing games on it," senior Nick De Benedetti said.

As the problem continues to grow, many class syllabi warn students of the consequences of abusing laptop use in class.

Laptops are permitted for taking lecture notes or completing scenarios in Core, but students are not allowed to use their laptop for Internet access, gaming or homework for other classes during class, according to the

Core 350 syllabus.

The consequences for getting caught are very specific.

According to the Core 350 syllabus, "If you are caught using your laptop for any of these purposes, you will receive one warning. If you are caught again, you will be expelled from the course."

Professors are concerned that students remain focused and engaged during class.

Laptops become especially detrimental when the distraction of one student violates other students' learning environments, Keith Beebe, assistant professor of theology, said.

"If you are looking at facebook in class, don't bother coming," sophomore Mitch

Carver said.

In Carver's opinion, laptops are only useful in classes with many lectures.

Last fall, Core professors met to discuss attack strategies for the growing problem.

"There were a number of professors who wanted to eliminate laptops from the classroom altogether. We came up with our current system as a compromise," Beebe said.

There has been a noticeable decline in disruption from laptops in Core classes since they gave their students a verbatim, Beebe said.

Many professors see the benefits in allowing students to have laptops in class.

"I'm in favor of anything that can help the students learn," said Rob Wilson, visiting professor of business.

The learning environment at Whitworth demands students be much more engaged and respond to situations as mature adults.

"I believe students learn to be much more responsible if you give them responsibility," Wilson said.

The faculty at Whitworth do not view themselves as the enforcers. Many believe students need to learn to make good decisions about technology use on their own.

"Students can choose how to use their time in class," Beebe said.

The students will face the challenge of choosing how best to utilize technology, Wilson said.

"Students have to decide when to become mature adults, which will then translate to their behavior," Wilson said.

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Rob Wilson,
Visiting professor
of business

Whitworth Speaks OUT

How can
security be
more
effective?

"If they see someone breaking into a car; they should get out of their security vehicles and take them down."

Dylan Laug
Freshman

"The locking of the dorms on the weekends is effective, otherwise they do a pretty darned good job."

Sarah Tunall
Sophomore

"If the dorms stay locked, it would be a good idea if all students had a master key to get into all the dorms."

Cameron Kelnes
Sophomore

"They could put up a notice that there are cameras so people will be deterred."

— Compiled by Jessica Davis

U.S. News ranks Whitworth in top five

Tim Takechi
Staff writer

In the annual report given by U.S. News & World Report, Whitworth College once again ranks among the top five best universities and best values.

Among 123 master's level universities in the 15-state Western region, Whitworth earned a two-way tie for fifth along with the University of Portland.

Whitworth ranked third for best values. Best value is determined by the quality of education based on academic reputation and the amount of financial aid given to students, according to the U.S. News article.

The magazine's America's Best Colleges 2007 guide grades the best universities on freshmen-to-sophomore retention rate, student-to-faculty ratio, financial resources and alumni donations.

Greg Orwig, director of college communications, said Whitworth's dedication toward incorporating faith and learning makes it stand out among other faith-based schools.

"I think under President Bill Robinson's leadership we've been more clear than we've ever been about Whitworth's mission and identity, about who we are and the type of educational experience students can have when they come to Whitworth," Orwig said.

Orwig also credits Whitworth's 74 percent six-year graduation

"The ranking ultimately wouldn't be the reason somebody would come or not come to Whitworth."

Greg Orwig,
Director of college
communications

rate, which calculates that 74 percent of senior graduates graduated within six years of their freshmen year.

The freshmen retention rate is 90 percent for the 2006 academic year.

The 2006 report ranked Whitworth sixth in best values and second in the 2005 listing. The inconsistent rise and drop in values ranking is due to amount of need-based financial aid and merit scholarships Whitworth provides compared to the national average, according to the U.S. News website.

Fred Pfursich, dean of enrollment services, points out that the impression visiting students take away after touring Whitworth is a quality no magazine can quantify.

"Prospective students who visit the campus say how much of a living and learning community it feels like," Pfursich said.

Visiting students come away with a positive feeling toward the connected nature current Whitworth students have with one another, Pfursich said.

Statistics show that Whitworth's

yearly application rate is growing. According to a report by the admissions office, a total of 1,115 freshman applicants applied to Whitworth in the fall of 2000.

For fall 2006, a record setting 2,689 prospective students applied for 480 spots, an increase of 141 percent.

Potential students decide to come to Whitworth for reasons beyond a national ranking. Students make their decision on whether Whitworth is the best overall fit for them based on the mission, academic offerings, the campus climate, extra-curricular or study-abroad opportunities and a host of variables that aren't factored into the rankings, Orwig said.

"I hope more people will look at Whitworth because of our ranking who maybe wouldn't have looked at us before, but the ranking ultimately wouldn't be the reason somebody would come or not come to Whitworth," Orwig said.

U.S. News & World Report has delivered an annual report since 1983. Schools are categorized based on mission and region.

The magazine uses up to 16 indicators of scholastic quality based on the Carnegie Foundation's classification of institutions of higher-learning.

Whitworth ranks with the master's level universities because it offers a wide range of bachelor's and master's degrees but few doctoral programs, according to the U.S. News Web site.

College Rankings

U.S. News & World Report present the top Universities - Master's in the West:

1. Trinity University
2. Santa Clara University
3. Gonzaga University
4. Loyola Marymount University
5. Whitworth College
5. University of Portland
7. Cal Poly—San Luis Obispo
7. Seattle University
9. University of Redlands
10. St. Mary's College of California
11. Chapman University
12. Seattle Pacific University
13. Pacific Lutheran University
14. Pacific University
15. Azusa Pacific University

World BRIEFS

Prime minister Shinawatra ousted by coup

Thai Prime Minister, Thaksin Shinawatra was overthrown last Tuesday in a military coup. Army spokesperson Col. Akara Chitroj said army commander-in-chief Gen. Sonthi Boonyaratkalin would be acting prime minister. The last coup occurred 15 years ago, in February 1991. Since then, 23 coups (successful or attempted) have occurred in the last 74 years.

Judge dismissed in Hussein trial for beliefs

Grand Judge Abdullah al-Amiri, who is in charge of Saddam Hussein's genocide trial, has been dismissed because he did not believe Hussein was a dictator.

The court is trying Hussein, his cousin Ali Hassan al-Majeed, known as "Chemical Ali," and five other individuals on charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity for their combined roles in the 1988 Anfal campaign against ethnic Kurds.

President of Iran questions UN Security Council

A fiery speech from Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad opened the 61st annual UN General Assembly last Wednesday. Ahmadinejad questioned the effectiveness of the UN Security Council during his speech.

President George W. Bush also spoke at the opening session, paying particular attention to the world's Islamic population.

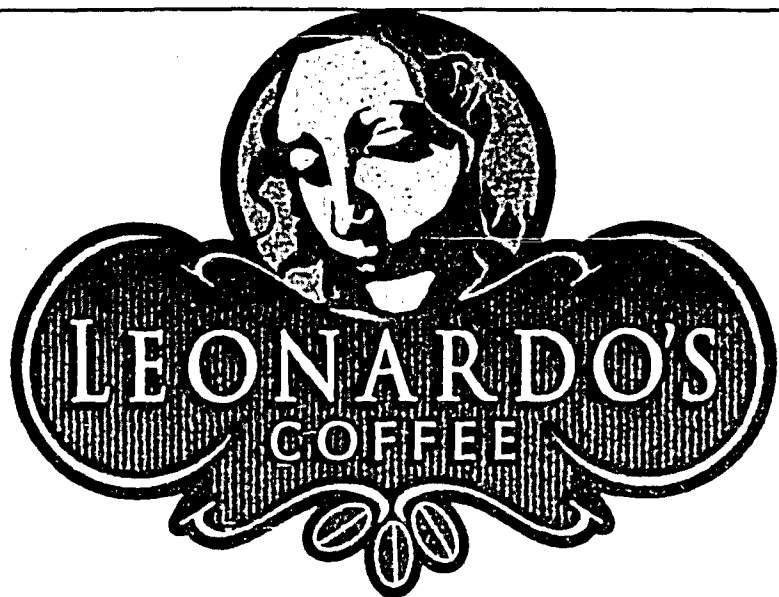
Bush said that the world must seek stability through a free and just Middle East which is under threat from extremists.

Delayed space shuttle lands last Thursday

Space shuttle Atlantis landed last Thursday, ending its 13-day excursion. The landing came after a piece of debris was seen floating near the shuttle, which caused the landing to be delayed.

The mission of the six astronauts aboard was to restart construction on the International Space Station which had not been worked on since 2002, because of safety upgrades made after Columbia exploded. The space station is to be completed by 2010.

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applications but were not yet registered.

The highest voter turnout among young people occur in states that allow Election Day registration. Seven states put this policy into effect and five have the highest turnout rates in the country, according to civicyouth.org.

The student poll also showed a general correlation between class and voter registration. Only 20 of the 40 freshmen polled were registered, while all seniors polled were registered.

"My impression has been that students grow in interest as they become more educated," Le Roy said. "They start to understand how these policies affect their lives."

Regardless, only 24 students polled said they have strong political opinions.

Whitworth students are "pretty average" in terms of political interest when compared to other schools, said sophomore James Radcliffe, president of the College Republicans.

"Students here are more conservative, but they aren't any more energetic about politics," Radcliffe said.

Many national organizations such as MTV's Rock the Vote campaign and politically-motivated website moveon.org have tried to mobilize young voters in the past few years. On campus, there

seems to be a lack of involvement.

"There are groups, organizations and clubs that need to step up and encourage interest in the issues and voting," said senior Adam Cogswell, president of the Young Democrats and co-coordinator for Unity in Action. "You can get involved with many organizations on campus, or even with political campaigns."

Cogswell specifically mentioned Young Democrats, College Republicans, Unity in Action, Act 6 and even ASWC, as clubs and organizations that can spark interest in voting and involve students in issues.

Because they attend a Christian college, Whitworth students tend to be more interested in domestic moral issues, Le Roy said. By comparison, when he worked at Vanderbilt University, students were very concerned about a tax on alcohol.

"Usually, students get interested in the larger issues of the day because they're just reacting to national discussion," Le Roy said.

Whatever the issues students choose to care about, the most important thing they should do is vote, Cogswell said.

"A lot of young people feel their vote doesn't count, but it's your obligation to vote if you're concerned about the issues," Cogswell said. "Otherwise, you can't complain about what's going on."

Campus BRIEFS

Attorney files brief to appeal judge's decision

Whitworth attorneys recently filed a brief to appeal a judge's decision in a lawsuit filed against the college in 2004.

Tony Mega, a tenured chemistry professor, was fired in 2002 for lack of collegiality with faculty. Mega filed the lawsuit, claiming that he had been "wrongfully terminated," Bruce Johnston, Mega's attorney, said.

The original jury deemed Whitworth not guilty on all counts. Soon after, Superior Court Judge Robert Austin overruled the verdict, stating that Whitworth did not follow proper procedure in Mega's termination.

Whitworth attorneys are in the process of fully understanding and appealing the judge's decision, President Bill Robinson said in an e-mail.

Mega's attorney will respond to the brief by Oct. 12. Whitworth then has another chance for rebuttal before the judge makes a final decision.

The Washington Court of Appeals will set the date of the hearing in the next few months and a decision will be made in Spring 2007.

- Rebecca Snape

Global worship to meet, praise this Thursday

Whitworth Missions Fellowship will sponsor Global worship this upcoming Thursday. Students will be able to worship and praise through music in Lied Square.

Students can also learn more about Whitworth Missions Fellowship at the event.

Campaigns, student elections start this week

Student campaigns for the primary elections start this Thursday. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

Elections will be held for various ASWC positions including Baldwin-Jenkins senator and representatives, Warren representatives and Du-vall Hall representative.

General elections will take place Wednesday, Oct. 4 from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The Hixson Union Building Gallery Coordinator will also be hired.

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Jessica Davis

Leaders live and serve together

Young Life ministry reaches out of Whitworth to youth in local Spokane community

Luis Lopez
Tim Takechi
Staff writers

Young Life dedicates itself to sharing the love of Christ with the youth of Spokane.

Due to this dedication, two new theme houses were allocated to house the leaders.

Shalom and Keola, now known as Manestery and Estro dome respectively, serve as the two newest theme houses on the Whitworth campus.

Now that the two houses no longer belong to the Village, almost all the students living in either the Manestery and of the Estro dome are members of Young Life, sophomore Allison Dauer said.

Last school year Kent McDonald, Young Life regional trainer, suggested to associated dean of students Dick Mandeville that Shalom and Keola become theme houses for his Young Life crew.

Young Life seeks to reach out to the Spokane community's youth in an effort to bring Christ to them, sophomore Mike Johansen said.

Johansen said Young Life's mission to make Christianity appealing requires taking Christ out to the public instead of having kids come to Whitworth.

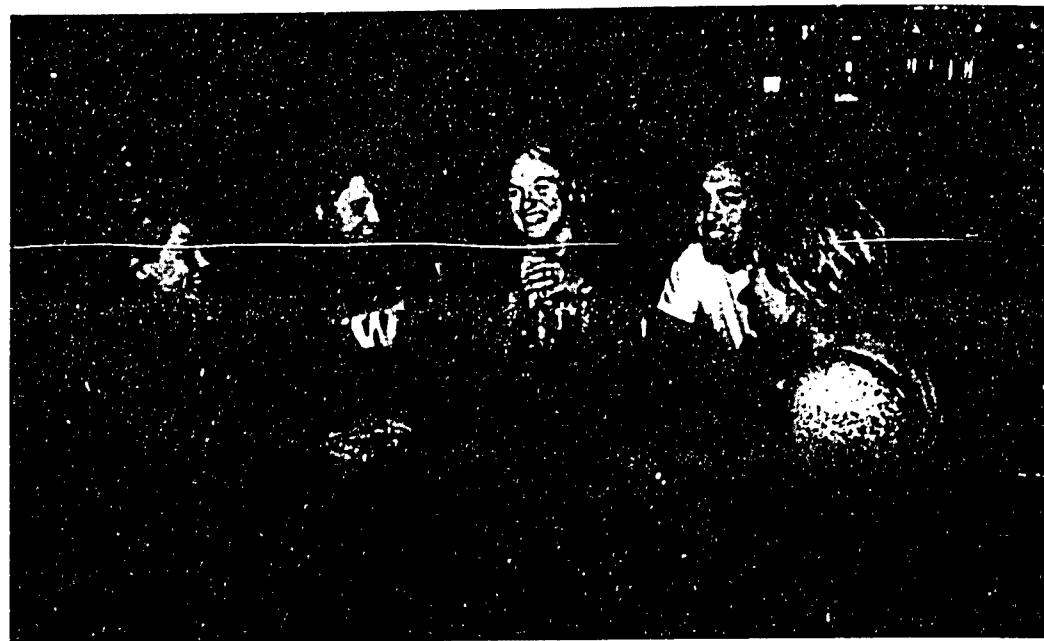
"We're focused on reaching kids in their own environment and creating a safe place where kids can tell their story through the story of Christ and feel comfortable," Johansen said.

Young Life team members visit junior high and high schools around the Spokane area and bond with the students. The schools host Young Life clubs which meet every Monday evening, McDonald said.

Club meetings consist of fellowship with the kids from the community in an open and friendly environment. McDonald said that these club meetings should not be mistaken with youth group outings seen at most churches.

"I call it a non-Christian meeting where Jesus is presented," McDonald said.

McDonald said feedback from school administrators is positive and they appreciate Young



Jesse Clark/Whitworthian

Sophomores Kalee Bielen, Shiloh Deitz, Brooke Biehl, Jay Davis and Bessie Robinson hang out on the balcony of the Estro dome last weekend.

Life's commitment toward building strong relationships with kids who may not be able to hear the gospel otherwise.

According to information provided by the Young Life Web site, the organization was started 65 years ago when Presbyterian minister Jim Rayburn decided to preach the gospel at a local high school in Gainesville, Texas.

When the Young Life headquarters moved to Colorado Springs, Colo. in 1946, the group had 20 staff members working in several states across the country.

Young Life originally reached out to high school students in suburban neighborhoods. After the civil rights movement of the 1960s, they began reaching out to multi-racial and urban areas.

Today, there are 16,000 volunteers in more than 50 countries. Young Life recently decided to expand into the college realm because of both domestic and international growth.

Young Life College aims to equip college students with the experience necessary to become leaders.

Sophomore Holly Perry echoes Young Life's ambition to make their name known in the wider community.

"[Young Life strives] to get the word out



Photo Courtesy of Drew Deever

Sophomores Drew Deever, Jeremy Malinano and Matt Monahan create a music video for Mt. Spokane Young Life at Cot Tules Zoological Park last Saturday to the tune of Guns n' Roses' "Welcome to the Jungle."

about Young Life and our ministry and what we're doing," Perry said.

So far the Young Life team is still settling in and planning events for this school year, sophomore Allison Dauer said.

"We are going to be having an event later next month that is still being planned. I know last week we had a dance party, where people from BJ and the houses came," Dauer said.

DEBATE: Ruling gives more power to local Presbyterian churches

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Recommendation Number Five called for an AI which would allow presbyteries (regional bodies of individual churches in their area) to overrule standards deemed unessential when ordaining pastors.

Sophomore Mark Tapia, attended the General Assembly as a Youth Advisory Delegate for Santa Barbara Presbytery, said that presbyteries generally ordain pastors who agree with standards in the Book of Order and the Book of Confessions. If they don't agree with the standards, the presbyteries will question it and are allowed, with this new AI, to decide

whether or not it is an essential point and whether or not to ordain him based on the pastor's reasoning behind the disagreement.

The burning question is whether this AI will break the cycle of conflict over the homosexual ordination issue. This issue has been debated for decades now, and up until this point the PC (U.S.A.) has maintained their position that the homosexual lifestyle goes against Biblical principles, therefore, an avowed, practicing homosexual cannot be ordained.

This is stated in section G-6.0106b of the Constitution. Interestingly, this section was reaffirmed during the last General Assembly,

in which the same people passed the AI on section G-6.0108b, the "freedom of conscience" clause, which gives presbyteries the liberty to decide whether a candidate conforms to the "essentials of Reformed faith and polity." The AI states that an ordaining body must decide whether a candidate departs "from scriptural and constitutional standards for fitness for office," and whether that departure is enough to prevent them from being ordained.

Many Presbyterians are alarmed by this decision, and worry about the effects it may have on the denomination. The Presbytery of San Diego is considering pulling

out of the denomination because of this decision. Tapia's church is also debating the issue because some feel very strongly that they cannot be a part something that goes against what they believe the Bible teaches.

"It has the potential of taking the hem out of the Presbyterian garment and allowing the entire fabric to unravel," Eymann said.

Tapia agrees, "The liberal-minded who disagree with some of the stuff the church says will go to liberal churches, while the conservatives will stay at the conservative churches. It'll only cause a further split between liberals and conservatives."

CRIME

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Security reminds students not to keep valuables in their cars. Students should be aware of what is happening in their community and should be willing to report any suspicious activity.

"Citizen involvement is key to the success of law enforcement," Fantasia said.

Phone calls of a sexually explicit nature were received by several students last week, according to a campus wide e-mail sent last week by Kathy Storm, vice president of student life.

Students are warned to screen their calls and ignore unknown numbers.

Dr. Richard Yarbro DDS

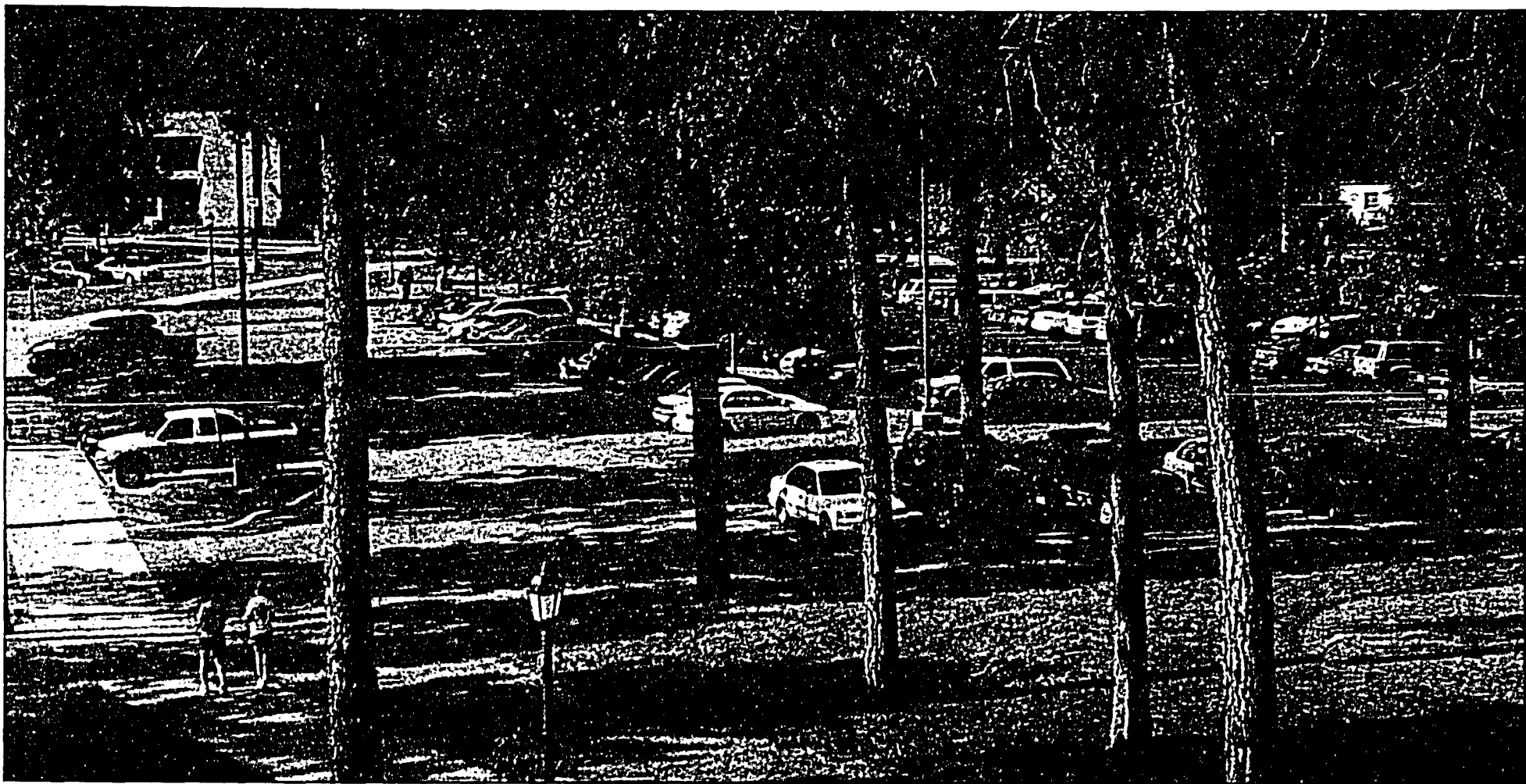
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Students walk through a full parking lot in front of Duvall Hall, which is often filled before off-campus students even arrive on campus forcing them to park elsewhere. The parking lot below Duvall is not used as often by residents.

Commuters experience parking difficulties

Megan Rleger
Staff writer

It's 9:10 a.m. and senior Erin Kabusreiter is already leaving for her 9:30 class from her apartment about three miles from campus. Often that extra time she budgeted for parking does her no good.

"I've had to park [behind Baldwin-Jenkins and Facility Services] several times because by the HUB is full, by the library is full and BJ's parking lot is full," Kabusreiter said.

Kabusreiter's class is in Dixon Hall.

With the addition of Duvall Hall and increased enrollment,

some students feel that parking for off-campus students has grown more difficult.

"I think it's worse than last year," senior Bobby Walston said. "There's more students, so there's more cars, as well as them taking away the parking in front of Boppell. I've been pretty lucky since I live so close, I can walk."

Ed Kelly, director of Facility Services, said 28 spaces were purposely added to the Duvall parking lot to replace the number of spaces lost with the new walkway.

Because Duvall houses 160 residents, an additional 80 parking spaces were added, bringing

"Students can help other students and choose the parking lots further away from buildings and closer to their dorms."

Adam Jones,
Senior and off-campus
senator

the total to 108 new spaces.

"When you build a building, there's a county requirement that you put in so many parking spaces," Kelly said. "For resident halls,

it's 50 percent of the occupants." Walston said the new parking lot does not get used.

"I think a lot of students are parking closing to the HUB when there's a lot of parking available behind Duvall and BJ," Walston said.

Senior and off-campus representative Sarah Brogden-Thome wants students to think about their parking choices.

"On-campus students need to be aware that it helps to park in your dorm parking lot if at all possible," Brogden-Thome said. "There's nothing that can be done immediately to remedy the situation, besides respecting each other and understanding it's go-

ing to be crowded and frustration is inevitable."

Kabusreiter said the parking lot by the HUB should be primarily for day use.

"The parking lot by the HUB would work best as a short-term parking lot, rather than people whose cars are going to be there for days at a time," Kabusreiter said.

Senior and off-campus senator Adam Jones voiced students' concern about parking in the last ASWC meeting.

"Students can help other students and choose the parking lots further away from buildings and closer to their dorms," Jones said.

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IN THE LOOP

An editorial

Parking crunch a solvable dilemma

Getting to class on time is an honored tradition among off-campus students. They budget their mornings meticulously and almost always arrive in class with minutes to spare. This year, things have changed. Even with the addition of 108 new parking spaces smattered around campus, commuter students are finding it hard to find convenient spaces to park, thus resulting in tardiness. Something does not add up. What is wrong with the Whitworth parking system?

There are a number of problems that have surfaced as this school year progresses. First, residents are not using the Duvall Hall parking lot regularly. The lights that illuminate the new lot are mysteriously unpredictable. Sometimes they are on and sometimes they are not. Since the recent rash of car thefts, it is important that a parking lot in that location is lighted day and night.

The bigger problem for the new Duvall lot is that access to the lot is difficult, rendering it inefficient. The closest access is the fire lane next the dorm, but this lane is inconsistently open. Residential students are forced to drive into the Baldwin-Jenkins parking lot, behind the dorm and then the remaining Village buildings to reach their destination. This is not worth the hassle for most students, so they choose to park in the lots in front of the new dorm.

If administration can find a solution to help traffic flow to the Duvall parking lot, part of the parking problem would be solved. If the lot is convenient for students to use, then they will use it.

One possible solution is to open up the lane between BJ and the Village. This certainly would help the traffic flow and should open up more spots around the HUB.

This year the problems with parking are mild. But administrators need to begin planning for the long term if they want to avoid more severe problems. As the campus experiences growing pains over the next few years better logistics are needed. Five-way stops under the veil of four-way stops will not cut it.

"In the Loop," written by the editorial board, represents the editorial voice of *The Whitworthian*.

Pluto declared a dwarf



PETER BURKE
Opinions
Editor

Walt Disney probably rolled over in his grave. Pluto, a Disney creation and Mickey Mouse's faithful pet pooch, has chosen Snow White and become one of the friendly dwarves. Not really, but the play on words was just too good to pass up in light of the latest news from the outskirts of the solar system.

Pluto was recently classified as a dwarf planet by the International Astronomical Union and assigned the number 134340 in the catalogue of minor planets.

The repercussions of this decision are, shall we say, astronomical. For one, elementary school teachers around the world will have to remove all of the solar system maps from the walls of their classrooms. In fact, the third grader's job just got a bit easier when building a mobile of the solar system during the outer space unit.

I can only imagine a conversation between a mother and her third grade son at the end of the school day:

"So what did you learn today Jimmy?"

"Nothin."

"No really, what did you learn?"

"The planets," as Jimmy pulls his tangled mobile out of his backpack. "They all go around the sun. Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune."

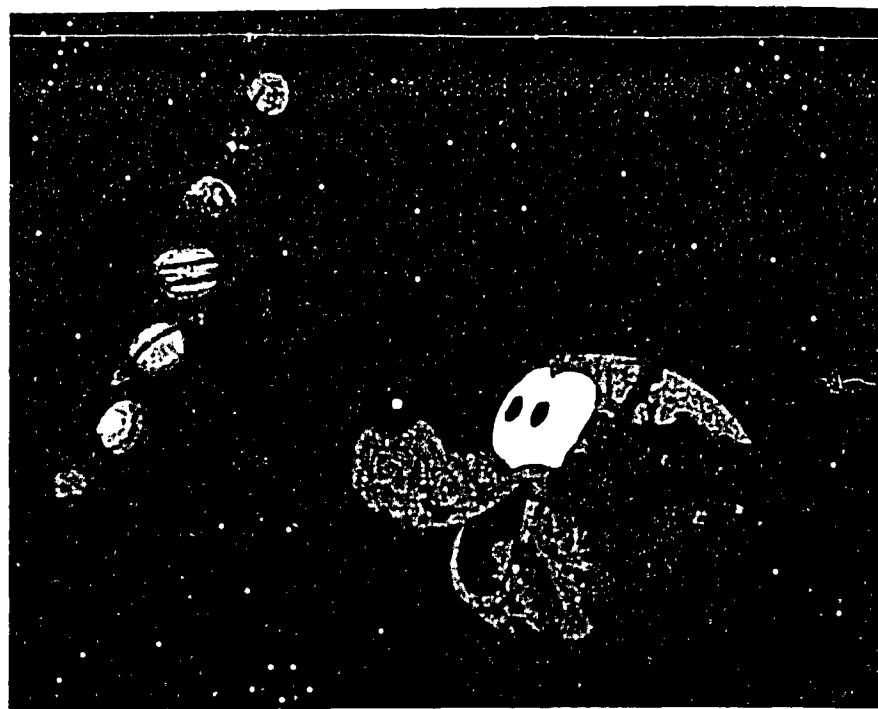
"Good, but you forgot one Jimmy, the smallest planet, Pluto."

"What's Pluto?"

Scary, I know, for us fossilized young adults who cannot fathom that something we grew up knowing and loving could suddenly be outdated and defined as just another floating rock in the depths of space.

Textbook companies must be licking their chops. Salespeople for McGraw Hill, Prentice Hall and Little Brown are probably preparing speeches for administrators explaining that the recent science textbook is outdated because Pluto seemed to escape to the realm of the Dewey Decimal system.

Politics seemed to play a major role for scientists as they decided to reduce



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New planet definition invokes questions and comments from scientists and Facebookers alike.

the known solar system. The 2005 discovery of the dwarf planet Eris, dubbed the 10th planet when originally discovered, spurred the debate of the definition of a planet.

It took 2,500 astronomers from 75 countries to define what a planet technically is. For better or for worse here is what they came up with:

- A planet has to orbit the sun.
- A planet has to have enough gravity within itself to pull itself into a round-like shape.
- A planet has to have a clear orbit around the sun, meaning there are no other planetary bodies in its elliptical path.

Pluto's problem arose when confronted with the third requirement. Pluto shares an orbit with Neptune, thus disqualifying it from planetary status. Instead, the new dwarf planet classification was developed. Eris, along with Ceres and Pluto are the only three dwarf planets at this point.

When I actually stop and think about it, the dissemination of an eight planet solar system in schools around the globe is the necessary step. It is okay for the textbook companies to profit and moms to feel like they are getting old.

Iwan Williams, the International Astronomical Union president of planetary systems science, made a good

point while discussing the planetary change.

"By the end of the decade, we would have had 100 planets, and I think people would have said 'my goodness, what a mess they made back in 2006'," he said in interview after the Pluto decision.

We definitely could not have handled a map of the solar system with 100 planets on it. I for one, had trouble memorizing 50 states and their capitals; there is no way on earth I could have memorized the names of 100 Greek gods circling around the sun, without some divine intervention.

As for the 730 Facebook groups devoted to saving Pluto, just let it go. Pluto is not going anywhere and there are more noble causes to pursue.

Thank you scientists and astronomers, you have done us all a favor by making the tough decision that needed to be made and taking Pluto out of the science books and into the history books. As science progresses, changes do need to be made. As someone once said, "It doesn't work to leap a twenty-foot chasm in two ten-foot jumps." I agree. Goodbye Pluto..

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New technology missing human aspect of life

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I rolled my eyes at the sales representative on the telephone, even though she couldn't see me. After trying to place an order for nearly 35 minutes I finally hung up in exasperation. "Why can't we just place orders online?" I whined to my co-worker, "we would save so much time and money." While the rest of the corporate world had taken business online, our company was still stuck in the dark ages using telephones. That is, until last Thursday.

That was the day Order Terminals were installed in our store. During training sessions on how to use the new device, the inevitable question was, "What happened to the people we used to call to place orders?" I felt the truth even before it was spoken: They had lost their jobs to a computer.

I had always thought the more advanced technology became better. Until technology hit close to home. This left me wondering, "When is modern progress no longer progress?" Has social interaction been reduced to chat rooms? Has communication lost tone of voice, inflection and emotion to text messaging and leaving notes on MySpace? As computers become more advanced, human tasks are being taken over by computers; in 1993, an Artificial Intelligence

program was designed in which a computer wrote a novel and sold 15,000 copies. Does this threaten humanity's creativity, let alone her livelihood? Perhaps the movie *I, Robot* is not too far off in coming and this article will be the equivalent to Will Smith's "I told you so."

But before throwing computers, cell phones and iPods into the degenerative pool in the name of human interest, all facts must be considered.

Modern technology has often hurt the economy in its immediate wake and created more financial capital in the long run.

Look at the automobile, for instance. I'm sure carriage drivers were nothing short of put out with being out of a job. But think of the careers created out of the inexhaustible need for car mechanics, tires, gasoline, car maintenance, etc.

The trick is to jump on the economic trend bandwagon, instead of being stampeded by its ruthless movement. While I'm sure most carriage drivers joined an "I hate engines club" the smart ones started using their skills in the new growing industry.

The same is true today. As technology advances, capable of accomplishing tasks at a more efficient and higher caliber than humans, people are losing their means of livelihood to computers. Are we going to protest against technology, or are we going to use computers to our advantage?

Don't start panicking if you are one of the old-fashioned pearls who still use snail mail and your computer skills include typing and web surfing. (Honestly, I can't say I know much more.) Not everyone is going to make their fortune in designing computer programs. Joining the economic trend might mean banking and shopping online to reduce time spent on errands or sending out mass e-mails instead of crafting hand-made invitations. For business owners, this could mean moving business online: advertising, shopping and ordering. For college students looking for jobs, it might mean shifting away from service tasks to cyber employment.

We are in the midst of a technological revolution. Computer technology and robotics is a permanent trend that is not going to fade away. We must use our growing technology base to our advantage. Yet, at the same time, not lose connection with the human heart.

Who knows what could happen in the next fifty years. But for now, I'm pretty sure I cannot sit down to dinner with a computer and have a stimulating conversation about my hopes and dreams. The progress of the soul will always be eminent no matter how modern or post-modern the era.

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WHATif...

LOOKING AT THE
WORLD FROM A
NEW PERSPECTIVE

Legalize weed in the United States

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I can see it now: an entire nation reduced to the recurring basement scene of "That 70's Show." Everyone — young and old — ceases to get haircuts or go to work. The snack-food industry booms. Riots break out when every grocery store in the country runs out of brownie mix. Within a decade, the United States plunges from world dominance to Third-World status. Outraged,

Texas secedes from the Union.

Although all of those events are extremely likely to occur after the legalization of marijuana, I feel like we are being really negative about this. I mean, I never

really liked Texas to begin with.

Jimmy Carter argued, "Penalties against drug use should not be more damaging to an individual than the use of the drug itself. Nowhere is this more clear than in the laws against the possession of marijuana in private for personal use."

If marijuana were legal, we would spend fewer tax dollars trying to bust and incarcerate college students toting "snack-size" Zip-Loc baggies of weed in their pockets and redirect those funds toward, say, anti-tobacco campaigns. Tobacco is far more addictive than marijuana (and responsible for one in five deaths, a total of 440,000, every year).

"More deaths are caused each year by tobacco use than by all deaths from HIV, illegal drug use, alcohol use, motor-vehicle injuries, suicides and murders combined," said the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

Marijuana would also be safer to smoke if it were legal. Even if you do not care about the safety of potheads and druggies, many of your friends have probably used marijuana from an unknown source. In fact 47.8 percent of high school seniors in 2002 had, at some point, used marijuana. If legalized, marijuana would be regulated for potency and purity by the government, and its health risks would be clearly communicated to consumers.

According to the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), there are 12.1 million marijuana users (5.4 percent of the population) over the age of 12 in the United States. Although I dutifully reported my pot smoking to the federal government, I know a guy who definitely did not. I think it is safe to assume that 12.1 million is a conservative estimate.

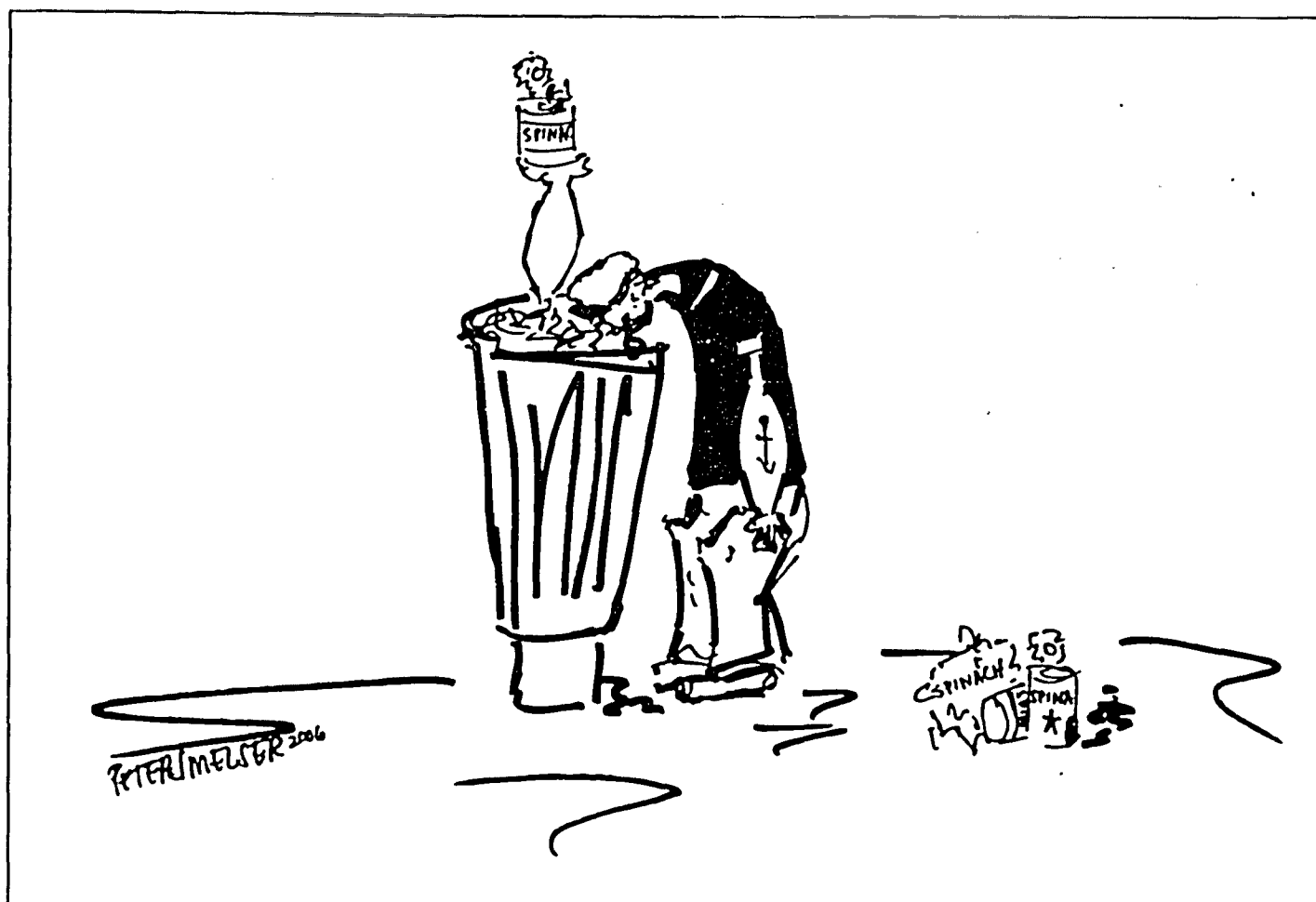
Legalizing marijuana would legitimize a market that is currently very costly to taxpayers, who are paying for the "War on Drugs," making it a taxable part of the American economy.

Americans spend \$11 billion on marijuana every year, according to the ONDCP. The costs to society including loss of productivity and healthcare costs could be compensated for by taxing the hell out of weed, sort of like we tax tobacco.

Legalizing marijuana would not create a problem of marijuana use. It is already widely used in the United States; even our commander-in-chief was known to burn one down in his day.

On the contrary, legalization (and the regulation and taxation that come with it) is a rational and economical solution to many of the problems created by an illegal drug market.

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No one is immune to the FDA

California-bred spinach scare a true diet buster



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I love spinach. I eat it almost every day. The fact is there are not many things better than spinach.

Of course I do not dare compare myself to Burgundy Olivier, "The Spinach Lady," author of the "I Love Spinach" cookbook, who says this hobby is more like a "passion." The best part about her career is the "Spinach Mobile," a van that was transformed by plastering decals of spinach, the cookbook and sayings like "Honk if you love spinach" all over it. I wish the spinach mobile would come to my town.

On the five-a-day Web site, the organization declares, "In addition to being tasty, spinach's popularity stems from its high nutritional value." I'm glad to see a government organization that describes spinach as "tasty." I'm sure that will convince those little rugrats to eat more vegetables.

Spinach also has a high level of vitamins A and C and is low in calories. This is essential to someone like me who can literally feel her arteries clogging when looking at the chicken fried steak periodically served in Sodexho. The same goes for biscuits and gravy, which I had not seen served until I came to Spokane. Heart attack on a plate anyone?

As I was reading the news last week, I was shocked, curious, scared and disappointed to find that the FDA was advising against eating fresh spinach until further notice. I was also trying to remember the last time I ate a spinach salad.

There has been an outbreak of E. coli in certain brands of bagged, fresh spinach. Although the FDA has not cleared fresh spinach of the organic variety, they suspect that the outbreak has only been in conventionally grown spinach. This is why I tell people to eat organic.

About two hours after I first read the story, assistant dean of students Dick Mandeville sent out a mass e-mail advising students that Sodexho had pulled everything from the dining hall containing fresh spinach. Although Mandeville said there had been no illnesses in Washington, that fact has since changed.

As of Friday, 157 people in 23 states had reported cases of

illness connected to the outbreak. The San Francisco Chronicle reported. Seventy-one percent of those infected are women. That really says something about who is on a diet in this country (although the only death was a man in Wisconsin). Talk about bad luck.

Although most infected people recover from their illness in about a week, children and the elderly can develop Hemolytic uremic syndrome, which is a life-threatening infection of the kidneys. Treatment includes dialysis and blood transfusions, but 3 to 5 percent of people who have this syndrome do not survive.

I am a little ashamed that all of this tainted spinach is coming out of California, my home state. Investigators have narrowed it down to three counties — Monterey, San Benito and Santa Clara. This Salinas Valley area produces 75 percent of the nation's spinach. It's a good thing all we grow in Sonoma County is wine and hippies.

This breakout could have come from a number of sources, such as fertilizer, water or field hands. But since the E. coli parasite lives in the intestines of livestock, it is mostly likely that proper care was not taken to prevent water from running off of animal pastures. Ninety-seven percent of irrigation water in the Salinas Valley comes from private wells, but there is no mandatory testing of them and no requirement that they ever be inspected, the Mercury News reported recently.

After hearing of the outbreak, David Letterman said, "On the good side there has never been a better time to pick a fight with Popeye."

Where is Popeye? Although the cartoon legend is known for eating canned spinach, which is not included in the warning, there is still a possibility of E. coli in the canned variety. Let us hope he is not holed up in a hospital somewhere. I guess that is what happens when you derive your strength from a controversial vegetable. Or, maybe all that pipe tobacco finally got to him.

On Thursday when I went into the dining hall for lunch, I was confronted with what looked like a spring mix salad. Spring mix has spinach in it. Fortunately I noticed a tiny sign on top of the salad bar explaining that this spring mix was spinach-free. So I suppose that Whitworth is safe from E. coli. Well, unless it is actually living in Sodexho, but that is another story.

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"As of Friday, 157 people in 23 states had reported cases of illness connected to the outbreak..."

Some spinach related information

- ✓ Twenty five states have been identified as affected by spinach E. coli outbreaks including Washington, Idaho and Oregon.
- ✓ Ninety two people have been hospitalized and two killed in spinach related deaths.
- ✓ Boiling the infected spinach will kill the E. coli bacteria, but simply washing it will not.
- ✓ Seventy four percent of the nations spinach is grown in California, the source of the outbreak.

Opinions

HUMOR COLUMN

My life with perennial holes in my pocket

Daniel Walters
Staff Writer

Being poor is overrated. Sure, they make it look glamorous on TV, where the poor live in the fanciest cardboard boxes under the ritziest bridges in town and eat out at the swankiest dumpsters. Not to mention the inevitable guest spot on CSI. ("How good are you at lying really still?")

But like most things in life, poverty is exponentially more tragic when it happens to me.

It all started back in the halcyon days of Spring of 2006, when Stan's was still Stan's, dinosaurs roamed the earth and Duvall existed only in the fevered imaginations of young thrill-seeking architects with everything to prove.

Like many humor columns, this one began with a letter in the mail.

Dear Daniel, you smuggley-wuggley fire of my soul ...

Ah. A form letter. Let's read on together.

Remember, last year how we raised tuition and you could barely afford it and so you had to sell off various organs and parts of your brain and so now you lack the capacity to feel love? Well... funny story. See ... the thing is ...we're kinda gonna raise tuition again. We have needs! Like ice for the Duvall Water Heater, paint for condemned dorms and just one last roll at the craps table. After all, with 2.6 percent inflation, a 6 percent increase in tuition just makes sense. Hope everything's cool and you don't like start acting all weird towards us because of it. Wouldn't want a few bucks to get in the way of our beautiful friendship. If you wanna talk just gimme a ring at 777-4444.

Peace,
Whitworth.

This was going to be a problem. I was already on the "Pound of Flesh" student loan package. Worried, I talked to Financial Aid, who offered to help by spinning straw into gold in exchange for my first-born child (Timmy. Too bad. The little tyke had potential.). Their deal did little to ease my concerns. After all, the current market fluctuations for the national golden straw index are, frankly, a bit bearish.

So when my plan to gradually steal the plastic plants in the HUB one by one and then sell them on the black market was defeated by the vigilance of the Info Desk staff, I knew I was in trouble.

I opened my account at the STCU Website (account 113842 and PIN number 1337) and was greeted by an animated GIF of a tumbleweed blowing across the screen, accompanied by the comical sound of a toilet flushing.

I had been inducted into that wild fraternity known as poverty. And believe me, the haz-

ing rituals were painful.

I can no longer maintain the lavish lifestyle I once lived, with every flavor of Top Ramen I desired, a nigh-unlimited supply of Papermate pens and enough cash on hand to tip upwards of 10 percent. There was a time when I was so frivolous with my seemingly unlimited deluge of riches that I even gave to charity. Imagine it!

But now I am to the point where I look forward to people throwing pennies at me in SAGA, just so I can scrape together enough money for necessities. Like heroin.

There were even moments - in the bleak tortured darkness that is summer - that I was poor enough to seriously consider becoming a Democrat. Such was the addled frantic state of my mind (In the end, however, I just hated the environment too darn much to consider converting to the light side.).

I'm sooooo poor ...

How poor are you?

Thank you for asking, italicized text. I am so poor that in most countries, I would only be considered lower aristocracy. Sure, the diamond-encrusted donkey would be nice, but my harem would be tragically understaffed and my precious spices criminally bland.

So far, however, I have survived by the skin of my teeth. (Though the teeth-skin thing is socially awkward, I can't afford to see a dentist.) How? With the tips found in H.W. Schlockington's seminal work, *College On 37 Cents, Some Pocket Lint, and a Half-Eaten Nectarine You Found in the Bathroom Trash can a Day*.

► Instead of buying books, just read them over other people's shoulders. Don't forget to make a beeping sound when you want them to turn the page!

► Instead of wasting money on black paint to cover your dorm room walls, simply go to the library, make a giant black square in Photoshop, print off thousands of copies, and then affix them to your wall using railroad spikes you found in the Back 40. Tada! Moody artwork!

► Finally, there's the time-honored college tradition of taking out a massive life insurance policy and faking your own death, then collecting the policy disguised as "Pancho," your long-lost identical twin.

This column is in loving memory of our dearly departed journalist, Daniel Walters, who we lost to a tragic, but freaking awesome, fiery explosion. While his body was never found, a recovered tape recorder held his poignant last words: "Ouch. Ouch. I am on fire. I am in severe pain. Oh no. Now I am dead. How do I turn this thing off?" A short funeral service will be held on Friday, followed by a reception in Mexico.

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Darfur crisis poses tough questions for United States

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calls for
stop to
genocide

There has been worldwide protest over the conflict in Sudan which has seen systematic destruction of the lives of residents in the southern region of Darfur. This crisis, described by world leaders including President Bush and Senator John Kerry as acts of genocide, has been recognized as a preventable situation that will not be resolved without outside intervention.

Unfortunately, the world's ability to provide a solution to this problem has been complicated by two factors. The first is the refusal of the Sudanese government to allow outsiders to interfere in the conflict. The second is the ongoing complacency of the elected Sudanese president to deal with the acts of genocide.

Much of the world has watched in horror as the scale of deaths inflicted upon the defenseless south has passed 200,000 and diplomatic protests have been ignored by the Sudanese leadership. The Sudanese are led by President Omar al-Bashir, who came to power in an Islamist-based coup and who currently enjoys high levels of support from the Muslim dominated northern regions of Sudan.

It has been conclusively demonstrated through months of failed United Nations led negotiations and global outcry that Sudan will not stop their evil actions without outside support. The African Union has tried to place 7,000 troops in Sudan to stop the slaughter. While this effort is a noble endeavor, it has been hampered by a mandate that limits effective action and leaves an uncertain timetable for how long they can remain in the country. Once these troops depart, there is no question that the killings will continue to escalate as there is no foreign power willing to intervene. But why are world leaders looking towards the United States to intervene in a Muslim-dominated nation where they are not welcome, when the same effort in Iraq was met with such hatred?

There is a strong ethnic and religious divide in Sudan, roughly comparable to that

of the Shiite and Sunni divisions in Iraq, that have led to repressions of the largely African population of the south by the Arab Muslim dominated government. Sudanese leader, al-Bashir has a military background and has employed censorship of the media, murdered opponents, rigged elections, and launched a war of aggression on an ethnic minority in his own nation. In these ways, he has a strong parallel to former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein whose despotic regime was defeated by an American led invasion in 2003. Yet the same world powers that cry out for something to be done about Sudan were the same voices that relentlessly hammered the United States for the Iraq invasion.

A theoretical United States invasion of the Sudan would of course be in violation of international law (Sudan is a sovereign nation), would realistically cause the deaths of many innocents and be complicated by the fact that Sudan poses no threat to the

United States. Would the world imply that the United States is engaging in an imperialist war against Islam? Would images of American soldiers delivering desperately needed supplies to starving women and building critical infrastructure be ignored by the world

media in favor of a theory that the United States only desires oil, the main export of Sudan?

Would the world even have faith that the United States could win such a war? Would George Clooney, who recently addressed the United Nations for something to be done about the genocide, still stand by his comments in 2003 that the United States Army "... can't beat anyone anymore." Mr. Clooney, if you do not think that the most powerful military in the history of the world can win a war, then why do you expect any other world power to be able to save Sudan?

The Darfur crisis has reached the point where only American intervention can stop a genocide. The world must recognize this and that the United States would expect global support for an intervention and not have to contend with second guesses and hypocrisy from other nations.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: "Purpose of upkeep confuses the masses"

Young Life concerned about bad rep

Dear Editor,

I just want to give you my opinion about Rachel Carr's article. I currently live in the Young Life house and as a community we were deeply offended about what she had to say about us. Making fun of worship music on a Christian campus was probably not the best idea and I'm sure I'm not the only one who will tell you that. Unfortunately that was not the part of the article that bothered us the most. Rachel made a comment about keggers for Christ that we feel was very inappropriate. I personally talked to Rachel and I know that she has nothing against us and that she does not believe that we are throwing keggers but we believe the comment will still have repercussions.

Some people don't know much about Young Life or what we do and now perhaps they will have a twisted view of it. Also, we don't want any rumors to start because they could potentially hinder our ministry. To be honest we really aren't that mad about the article, we are more concerned. We are not asking for an apology, we are simply asking that if you decide to publish anything else about our house or Young Life that you ask us first. And from my own personal opinion I think you should probably be more careful about what you are publishing because a few things in the paper, not just Rachel's article, were pretty close to being slander.

Thank you for your time.
Peace and Love,

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Digital rights: You don't have many, so protect them with your dollars



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Amazon opened its "Unbox" service to the world last week, allowing users to legally buy and download full-length films. What could be a tremendous convenience for consumer, instead, simply highlights how legislation like the Digital Millennium Copyright Act and the

greed of the home entertainment industry has done more to rob consumers of "fair use" rights than protect anyone's intellectual property.

As Amazon Unbox users, customers must agree to a lengthy "terms of use" statement that goes farther than any current policy of digital rights management (DRM) in binding consumers' options. Users must agree to download updates for the software that plays their downloaded movies, or their movies will cease to play. Users can burn their movies to DVDs, but these DVDs will not function in any other player other than the computer that burned them – forget loaning movies to friends.

Should a user delete the Unbox software (whether intentionally or accidentally), "your ability to view all Digital Content you have downloaded to the Authorized Device will immediately and automatically terminate and we reserve the right to delete all Digital Content from that Authorized Device without notice to you," states the user agreement.

Amazon also reserves the right to delete your downloaded content in the event of a perceived breach of these terms, without the user's knowledge or consent. And perhaps the icing on the cake, section 9d: "Amazon reserves the right to modify, suspend, or discontinue the service at any time without notice to you, and Amazon will not be liable to you should it exercise such rights" – in essence, you could stand to lose those movies even without doing anything wrong.

In the past decade, there have been few permutations of DRM invented that intelligent humans have not been able to crack. Sometimes the method can be as simple as running a permanent marker around the edge of a compact disc, disabling the copy protection. Clever people will undoubtedly find ways to circumvent Amazon's draconian restrictions as well.

But why should people have to resort to illicit means to get the full use out of content they have legally and legitimately purchased? A company has the right to specify how its service is used, but how far does that right extend? Even competing legal movie download services like the iTunes Store offer better terms, though still with the annoyance of DRM. Other mediums like DVD and VHS are universal and will work in any device, making loaning movies an easy task.

The problem is that organizations like the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) see value in every possible use for a piece of content, and seeing themselves as the owners of the source of that value, they think you should pay for it.

The most famous incident of user rights clashing with the rights of intellectual property holders came in the mid 1980s with the advent of the VCR. Universal City Studios sued Sony Corp. of America out of fears that Betamax technology would be used for copyright infringement, taking the case all the way to the Supreme Court. The decision of that case upheld the rights of users, since the Court found that the manufacturers of copying technology need not be held responsible for the possible infringement by users.

If companies that create technologies capable of aiding copying are off the hook, why do companies like Amazon insist on limiting the options of their users?

A more open file format would almost certainly attract more users than the extremely narrow system currently in place. Some companies, like Disney, are even selling copies of music albums online as DRM-free MP3s, recognizing the futility of pushing another format.

The simple answer is that the owners of consumable media have banded together to play hardball with online retail outlets. Perceiving a loss of revenue at the hands of piracy, record labels, studios and organizations like the MPAA and the Recording Industry Association of America demand that online distributors take extra precautions against the file copying that they interpret as robbing them of profits.

What this premise fails to take into account is the behavior of each market itself as the source of this dip in profit, not piracy. In 1999, the RIAA tracked over 38,000 new releases. In 2000 and 2001 – years the RIAA claimed sales were adversely affected by the rise of Napster – it

tracked only 27,000 new releases; a plunge of over 25 percent.

With over 11,000 fewer releases in the mix as compared to previous years, it's little wonder that "sales," interpreted by the RIAA as net units shipped to retailers, were down. What that interpretation glosses over is that profits-per-release jumped from about \$375,000 in 1999 to over \$533,000 in 2000 and \$507,000 in 2001. The RIAA was recording more profit with fewer releases in both those years they reported loss.

The film industry cites illegal downloading as hurting sales in theaters, ignoring that ticket prices continue to rise faster than inflation. And despite massive sales on the DVD front, loss of revenue to piracy is cited as a concern there as well. As a technology still in the early stages of growth, annual DVD sales have nearly doubled every year from 1997 to 2003 – a rate that is unsustainable in every sense of the word.

Once market penetration of a new technology is complete, sales will plateau and the percent of revenue will fall, as it inevitably must in a healthy economy. There will still be plenty of profit, but it won't be increasing from year to year – a situation the entertainment industry has gotten used to.

Infatuated with the profit margins they have seen over the past 25 years, media groups are not about to let go. That ambition is passed on to the consumer with every new technology that prompts users to re-buy their collections, each one as exclusive and incompatible with the rest as possible.

"The film industry cites illegal downloading as hurting sales in theaters, ignoring that ticket prices continue to rise faster than inflation"

Betamax, VHS, Laserdisc, DVD; vinyl record, 8-track tape, audio cassette, compact disc; each nascent technology stimulates a rapid rise in sales for about a

decade as everyone gets around to jumping on the bandwagon just before the latest tech rolls around. The new HD-DVD and Blu-Ray movie formats are prime examples of this in our own time.

Which brings us back to Amazon Unbox. Digital media formats and the ever-increasing power of the desktop computer have thrown a wrench into the system that has worked brilliantly for the last three decades, potentially ruining it for good.

Transforming one media format into another can now be as simple as the press of a button with the right software. Recording labels trembled when audio cassettes introduced the era of the mix tape; now they're positively quaking as users are able to convert legally (and illegally) acquired music and movie files into whatever media format suits them best.

Movie studios don't want you to have the power to put that DVD on your iPod, even if you do legally own it already. Watching a DVD movie on something other than a DVD player is one of those value-laden uses that the industry is so eager to snatch away, only to offer it back to us at a premium – and in a format that makes it almost impossible (and thanks to the DMCA, illegal) to use in any device other than those expressly permitted.

The restoration of rights to consumers could arrive in the form of the Digital Media Consumer's Rights Act, a bill twice proposed by Representative Rick Boucher (D-Va.) that has failed so far to gain traction in Congress. Among its provisions, the bill would reaffirm fair-use rights and decriminalize simple circumvention of copy protection, as the law now stands thanks to the DMCA.

There are other champions of the rights of digital media users, too. The Electronic Frontier Foundation is a nonprofit that often defends those involved in electronic copyright suits such as those brought by the RIAA. There's also the Creative Commons, a group that offers legally sound copyright licenses for free. With those licenses, content creators can make provisions to allow others to distribute and alter their work, with a variety of permissions and degrees of "sharedness" that keep creators' rights protected.

As a consumer, the power is entirely in your hands. Don't allow others to decide for you what you can and can't do with the media you own. Avoid overly-restrictive outlets like Amazon Unbox as much as possible, leaving yourself with more options and less chance of punishment should you choose to exercise your rights. Vote with your dollars and spend your money with companies that recognize that freedom of information and protection of artist's rights can coexist to the benefit of

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By the NUMBERS

Pluto facts and statistics

1930

The year the former planet was discovered by American Clyde Tombaugh. 1930 was also the year Pluto, the cartoon character, was published for the first time by Walt Disney. Pluto was the only planet discovered by an American.

6.39

The number of earth days it takes for Pluto to rotate 360 degrees.

248.5

The number of years it takes Pluto to orbit the sun.

0

The number of man-made space crafts that have landed on Pluto. The Hubble telescope has taken the best photos of Pluto and its moons.

5.9

Million miles. The average distance Pluto is from the sun during its orbit.

3

The number of moons Pluto has. One of the moons, Charon, was recently identified as a dwarf planet, as was Pluto.

-390

Degrees fahrenheit. The average surface temperature of Pluto.

1454

Miles. Pluto's diameter, making it the smallest planet. Pluto is smaller than Earth's own moon and is not visible with the naked eye.

1/15

Pluto's gravity compared to Earth's.

— Compiled by Peter Burke
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www.solarviews.com

Sounding Board

Question of the week

Q: How would you fix the on-campus parking dilemma?

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Get your thoughts in print!

Letters to the editor

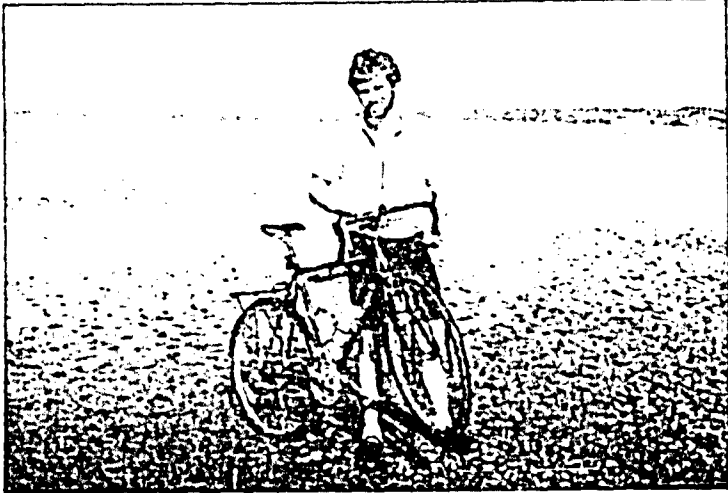
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5,423 miles

The story of a Whitworth alumnus' bike trip across the United States



Hendricks dips his tires in the Pacific Ocean on May 30, the first day of his journey.

Dani King
Staff writer

For Whitworth alumnus Brent Hendricks, the period after graduation was the chance to hop on his Trek bicycle, pack his bag and ride a grueling 5,423 miles across the country by himself.

"Everything I planned out so meticulously before I left on this trip turned out to be wrong," Hendricks said.

As Hendricks discovered, sometimes the most memorable experiences turn out to be the ones that are least expected.

Hendricks began his journey in Northwest Washington. He rode from the Canadian border to the Oregon Coast, through Montana, Yellowstone, Colorado, Kansas, along the Mississippi River, across Iowa, Illinois and to the Atlantic Ocean. He made a point to visit East coast cities that he had never been to such as Washington D.C., New York, Pittsburgh and St. Louis.

It was during his city travels that he got lost occasionally and ended up in a few sketchy situations. All that Hendricks saw and experienced allowed him to gain a new perspective about himself as well as the people and places in other parts of the country.

Long distance bike tours are no leisurely ride. Frequently he felt like giving up.

"About one-third of the time I was miserable but in the end it was still an amazing experience," Hendricks said.

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alumnus

Hendricks traveled 80 to 100 miles per day and rode while carrying 65 pounds on his back, camping along the way.

Within the first four weeks of the journey he lost fifteen pounds and eventually, twenty pounds. Weather conditions made for a difficult journey as well.

"There are four primary things capable of ruining your day: rain, logging trucks, wind and poor-quality roads," Hendricks said.

Hendricks faced dangers on the trip including the inconsiderate actions of semi-truck drivers and the headwind factor that slowed him down at times. Being alone on the trip didn't make conditions any better.

"Solitude is by far the hardest part. It is a lot easier to get through a grueling day or bad weather when you've got someone to laugh or complain about it with. I [didn't] have that luxury," Hendricks said.

Despite the sometimes almost overwhelming exhaustion, this trip was an eye-opening experience that allowed Hendricks to see a different side of America. The people he met and places he visited along the way are what made the jour-

ney most memorable. In his online journal, Hendricks commented on the attitudes of people he met while traveling.

"Sixty-five percent of the people you meet are very friendly. For instance, the people in Halfway, Ore. who heard my story wished me luck and bought me a cookie for the road.

"Thirty percent of the people you meet are jerks. For instance, the people who refuse to give you space on the road, even in four lanes of open traffic. Five percent of the people you meet are too creepy to hang around long enough to find out if they're the nice kind of creepy or the kill-you-in-your-sleep kind of creepy.

"For instance, the guy in the gas station parking lot who stares at you for an awkwardly long time before coming over, complimenting your bike, telling an impossible to-follow story about how he rode his bike somewhere once, telling you how he never goes anywhere without ol' rusty (his .45 revolver) and, 'what campsite did you say you were staying in tonight?'"

Looking back on both the bad days and the good days traveled during the twelve-week excursion, this adventure will always be a great memory and perhaps an inspiration for other cycling enthusiasts at Whitworth. Today Hendricks is living in Spokane and working in ministry.

Read more about his trip on his online journal, www.freewebs.com/biketour.

DAY 10 - June 8

"It turned out that much of the road had no shoulder at all, and if it did, it was max 2 feet. Combine this with 60 mph traffic comprised of mostly logging trucks and RV's and you've got yourself a scary day - especially on windy mountain roads."

DAY ONE - May 30

"Accompanied by family, I did the cliché dipping of the rear wheel in the Pacific Ocean and took a bunch of pictures at the Peace Arch in Blaine (Wash.)"

DAY 26 - June 24

"Oh yeah, I forgot to mention that yesterday I crossed the 1/4 point of my trip. Hooray!"

DAY 31 - June 29

"Toward the end of [Yellowstone National] Park, I thought I was being sprayed with sand by the passing traffic. I looked down to see my legs and shirt were black - was I being sprayed with tar? No - just riding through clouds of mosquitoes."

DAY 34 - July 2

"Meeting other bikers is the most energizing and refreshing experience I can have ... I crossed paths with about 15 or 16 other bike tourists today - many of them (though spread out) were travelling in a big group. One of them was legally blind. Apparently all he could see was the shadow of the white line on the road."

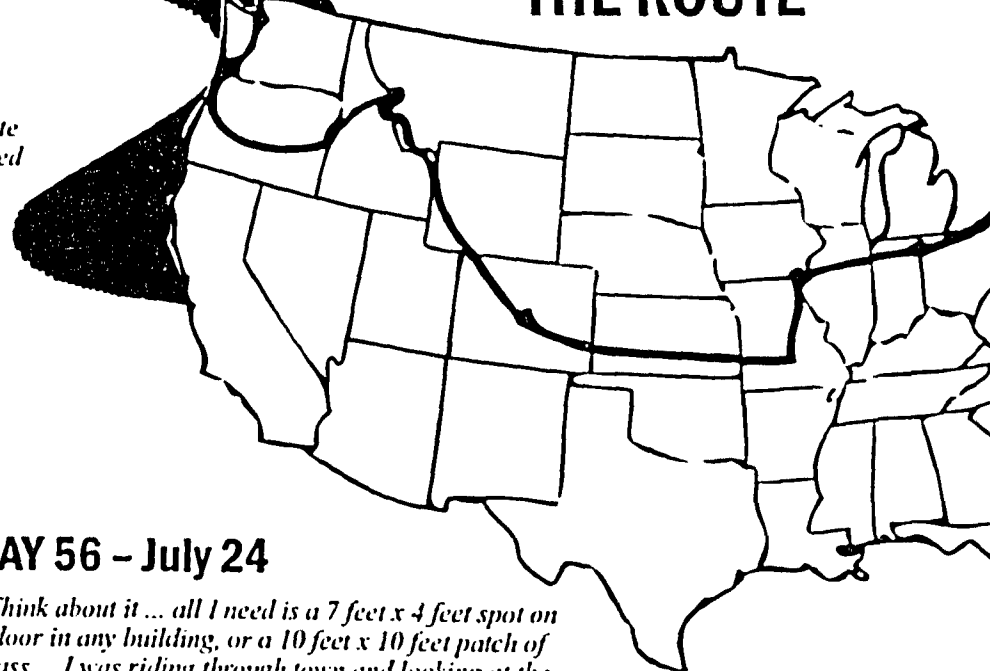
DAY 51 - July 19

"Milestones today: new state (Missouri), new map, crossed the 3,000 mile mark. Insert sweet Ellis Paul song here ... Three thousand miles ... I've come a long, long way ..."

DAY 56 - July 24

"Think about it ... all I need is a 7 feet x 4 feet spot on a floor in any building, or a 10 feet x 10 feet patch of grass ... I was riding through town and looking at the hundreds of buildings all around me, and all the lawns in front of them. Why is it that it's such a big deal to give someone a spot to sleep that it took me seven hours before I could go to sleep? It really shouldn't be this hard ... But then again, this is my house and my lawn and God forbid (actually He commands) that I open my door to someone. I don't want to be judgmental, because until this trip I was the exactly same way, and will surely struggle with it for a very long time. I think 95 percent of us don't even truly think in terms of hospitality or sharing."

THE ROUTE



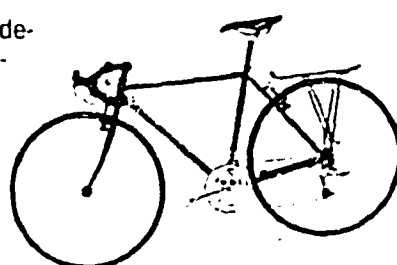
THE MACHINE - Trek 520

FRAME - "Welded Cro-Moly built to endure the demands of fully loaded touring, with added braze-ons for secure transport."

FORK - "Cro-Moly cuts down the road buzz."

WHEELS - "Bontrager Fairlane rims with Select tires are designed for long excursions."

ADVERTISED RETAIL \$1,099.99



Information courtesy of trekbikes.com

NUMBERS

Travel statistics

70.5

The average number of miles traveled a day (does not take into consideration days with 0 miles)

12.3

The average number of miles per hour

138.38

The greatest number of miles traveled in one day, July 29

50

The number of pounds of gear carried in his bag

20

The number of pounds of gear carried on the bike's rack

52

The maximum speed traveled at a given time on the journey

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The number of pounds Hendricks lost by the end of his trip

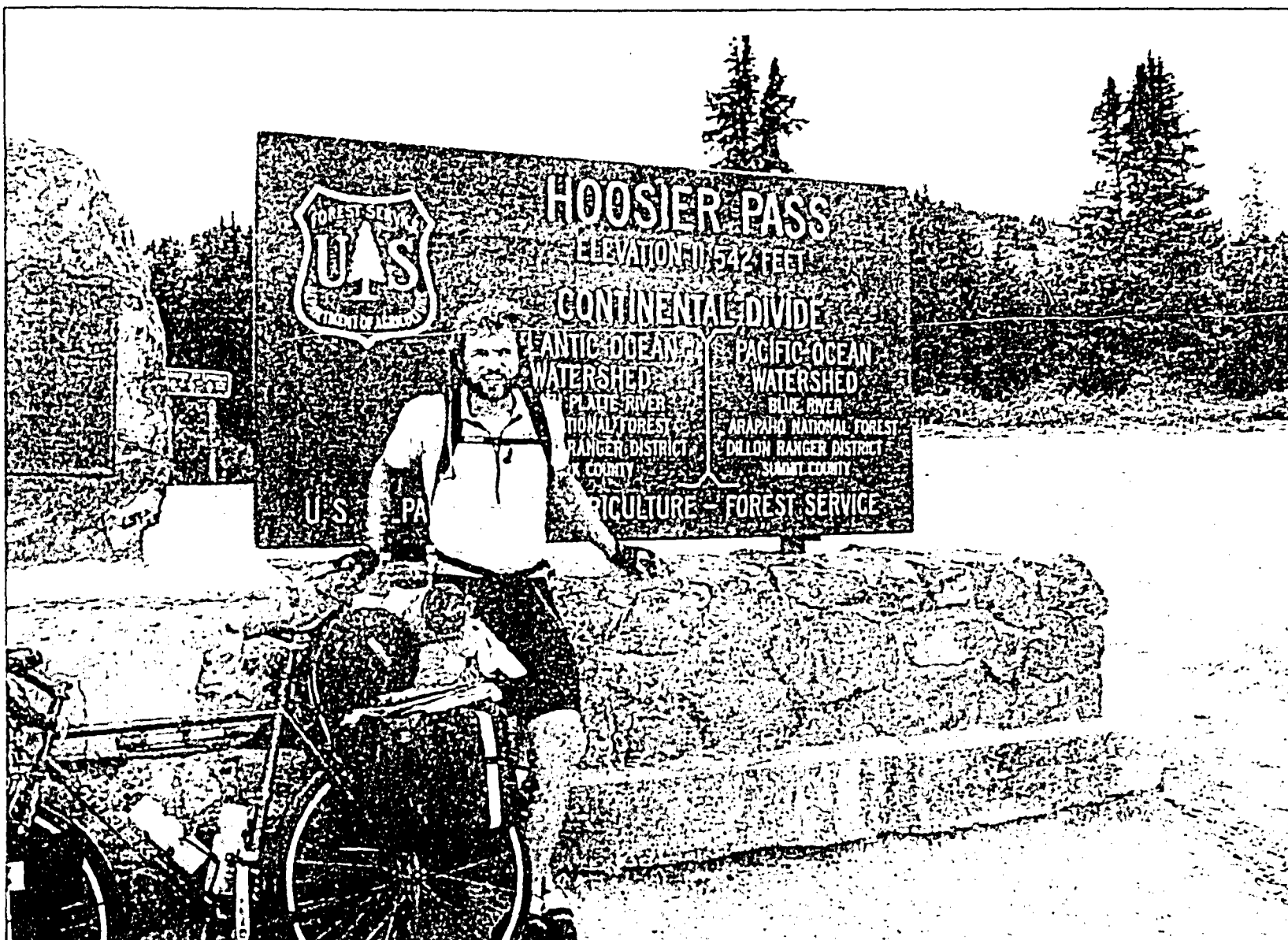
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The number of days between dipping his wheel in the Pacific Ocean and dipping his wheel in the Atlantic Ocean.

593

The greatest number of minutes spent biking in one day

Information and photos on this page courtesy of Brent Hendricks



TOP: Hendricks poses at Hoosier Pass Summit—the highest point of elevation on his trip.

MIDDLE LEFT: Hendricks' reaches the 2000-mile mark of his journey.

ABOVE: Hendricks stops to attend a rodeo in Bend, Ore.

FAR LEFT: Hendricks stops on the Continental Divide for his first of seven or eight times crossing it.

LEFT: Hendricks stops under the Gateway Arch in St. Louis.

DAY 74 – Aug. 11

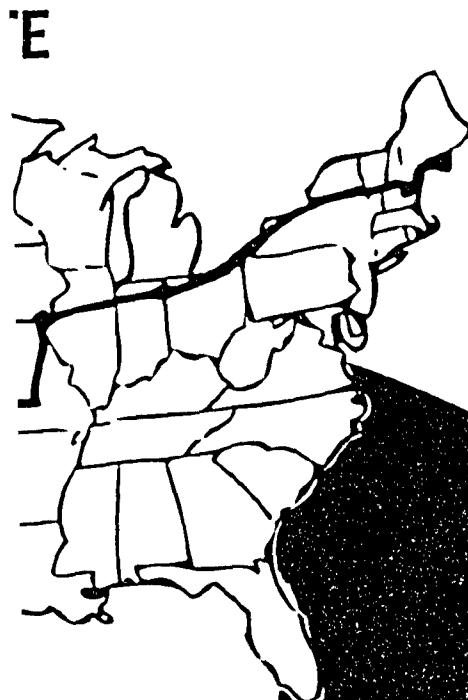
"[A trucker's] directions took me through three major on-ramp interchanges, then put me onto a very busy six lane highway with a large concrete wall instead of a shoulder – it didn't even have a white line. There were also no places to get off – I was stuck riding on what is comparable to I-5 in Seattle. It was by far the scariest time of this trip, and was, for the first time perhaps in my life, when I have been genuinely in fear of being killed."

DAY 84 – Aug. 21

I hit the 5,000 mile mark right as I came into view of the beach and I dipped my front wheel in the Atlantic at 5,001 miles. I then sat in the sand on the beach and drank my first champagne ever while smoking my first cigar ever. I thought it would be an incredible experience to finally reach the Atlantic, but I'm so tired that it wasn't a great life-changing experience. I've done it though. I've finally made it."

DAY 61 – July 29

"I finally rolled into Muscatine (Iowa) at about 7 in the evening and collapsed against a building, completely exhausted. There were bikes everywhere though. The whole town was pretty much a huge part for bikers. Think of Sturgis, only replace the leather with spandex."



Student lives for music

Senior boasts collection of musical history

Kelly MacDonald
Staff writer

The dorm room is simple. The walls are plain, there is little furniture and the bed is covered in colorful sheets. To senior Adam Bohnett, the most important items in his room take up the chaotic corner spaces. Recording and music equipment are in a box on the floor and numerous instruments stand in the corner, waiting to be played.

He picks up his instrument and begins to play. Soon the room is filled with the sounds of a musician absentmindedly creating music by strumming his guitar. Bohnett cannot sit long with the potential of music in his proximity.

"I really just love to create and play music," Bohnett said thumbing his guitar strings.

Although he's majoring in business management, music remains his singular passion.

"Even if I make less money, I just want to be a part of it," Bohnett said. "I'm not trying to become a rock star; I just really want to be in the industry."

Bohnett's music repertoire includes many accomplishments. The song "Life Is" which he recorded with his band, All About Anne, hit number one on the MySpace Girl Power charts in August. Also, a video of Bohnett playing a guitar with his teeth at the Whitworth International Banquet his sophomore year has over 13,000 views on the Web site YouTube.com.

When not playing music, which he does an average of four hours a day, Bohnett is most likely listening to his immense music collection. He has acquired over 80 gigabytes of music on his hard drive including every Billboard Top 100 song from 1946 to the present day.

"I even listen to music when I watch TV," Bohnett said.

Even though he said he knows he will never be able to listen to all of it, he is glad he has the collection, just in case.

Bohnett is also passionate about creating music. He has written over 100 songs and plans to continue writing, hoping to eventually produce music. He uses a sequencing program called Reason and a recording program in order to create original songs on his computer.



Senior Adam Bohnett records a keyboard track during a recent jam session.

MUSIC
ADAM
BOHNETT

18,655
Number of songs

48.9
Number of days
it would take to
listen to it all

5.5
Gigabytes of the
Beatles

3/4
Of the collection
is pre-1990

"What I've done would have been impossible 20 years ago but now I'm able to do this at home," Bohnett said.

He learned these computer programs through a class at Whitworth called Computer Applications in Music.

In order to record a track in his dorm room, everything has to be moved out so the highest sound quality is maintained.

"Recording in the dorms here at Whitworth has proved to be challenging," Bohnett said. "You have to empty the room, so it takes a lot of motivation to get started."

Bohnett plays the guitar, bass and drums but he favors the keyboards because of how versatile they are with his computer pro-

gram. Bohnett often records himself on various instruments in order to create songs on his computer. He, hypothetically, can play every part in a song.

"If I had four of me, that would be the coolest thing," Bohnett said.

All About Anne, the two person ensemble of Bohnett and sophomore vocalist Anne Briggs, plan to release a demo before Christmas. They want to put their music on KWRS and hopefully be offered a recording contract.

Briggs is an obvious part of Bohnett's musical experience. Both of them feed off each other, playing and singing with obvious familiarity.

"He's awesome," Briggs said. "He's probably the most talented musician I've ever met."

Bohnett's passion for music is evident. He cannot sit idly if music is within his grasp. Even his thoughts turn to music as he suddenly stops playing his guitar.

"If we could just have Paul McCartney on bass, Jemi Hendrix on guitar, Dave Grohl on drums, [then] add Anne to the mix and you've got yourself one hell of a band," Bohnett said.

Those interested in hearing All About Anne can visit:

www.Myspace.com/AllAboutAnne
or www.Myspace.com/nooseisloose.

New Resident Directors arrive this year

Belhany Hergert
Staff writer

This year Whitworth welcomed three new resident directors. Katrina Golden, Kari Dykhous and Sean Mulcahy are the new RDs for Bostiki (Boppell, Stewart and Tiki), Baldwin-Jenkins and B-Schmac (Ballard, Schumacher and McMillan Hall) respectively.

Golden, although born in California, has spent the majority of her life in Oregon.

A graduate of Azusa Pacific University, Golden was working in the student life office there when she found out about the

opportunity at Whitworth. Her director at the time, a Whitworth alumnus, told her to look into it, and everything fell into place.

Golden is excited about the opportunity she has here to be constantly involved in students' lives.

"Students here have a vision and fire in their hearts to see things happen, to engage others, for lives to be transformed and for a difference to be made in the world," Golden said. "I feel privileged to walk alongside students as they are learning more about themselves and the world and how their unique gifts and strengths play a very important role in making a positive and significant impact at Whitworth and

*"I was impressed with
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first day I got here."*

Kari Dykhous,
BJ Resident Director

in the community."

Golden's inspiration for being an RD was the great experiences she has had in the past with people in similar positions. She hopes to not just teach students, but to walk along side them and support them. She finds inspiration for this in one of her favorite

quotes by author Chip Anderson, who said, "The greatest act of love is when you reach in, touch someone's heart, and do not leave a scar."

Kari Dykhous considers home to be western Michigan, though she lived in various parts of Michigan and Illinois.

A graduate of Calvin College, Dykhous's interest in Whitworth was initially sparked at Calvin through her contact with a former student and Nicole Boymook, the assistant director of Resident Life. She initially heard about Whitworth through them while working as an RA at Calvin, so when she saw the

advertisement on the Whitworth Web site, she applied.

Dykhous's motivation for becoming a RD comes from her love of working with people and her past experiences with college leadership.

"I had a great RD when I was an RA. I just loved the variety of working with people, organizing events and getting to know people where they are and learning from them as well as guiding them along the way," Dykhous said.

Dykhous is already impressed with the community she has seen

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New movie theater brings entertainment close to home



Rachel Lynn Whitworthian
Village Cinema employees Jennifer Kapp and Ashley LiVecchi prepare for the next customer in the concessions area. Village Cinema offers concessions at a lower price than other area theaters, as well as a Pleasant Blends espresso stand.

Lucas Beechinor
Staff writer

Running the gauntlet of traffic lights that plague Division can be bothersome for students going to the movies at Regal Cinemas at Northtown Mall or the AMC at River Park Square, not to mention the loathsome task of securing a decent parking spot and paying the fee that comes with it.

With the opening of the Village Centre Cinemas in August, students will enjoy the convenience of having a high-tech movie theater just minutes away from campus. Located at 12622 N. Division St., students can reach the theater by turning left at the light at Hawthorne and Division and continuing down Division. The theater sits at the end of the strip mall, across from Starbucks and Albertsons.

Visitors will be impressed by the Centre's fanciful brick columns that stand in front of the giant glass wall that makes up the building's front entrance and the expansive parking lot

that surrounds it on three sides.

A cavernous main lobby lined with plasma screens showcases upcoming movie events and also houses a Pleasant Blends espresso stand and a comfortable lounge area. An extensive menu offers concessions at lower prices than other theaters. There is even a party room that can be reserved for birthdays and other special events.

"It's a great looking theater," said co-owner and manager Sergio Contreras.

Contreras, who has managed movie theaters all along the West Coast, is excited for the future prospects of this new theater.

"I think it's a great location," Contreras said.

Contreras claimed that visitors will never have to worry about his theater having fewer movies than his competitors.

"We'll get everything Northtown gets and parking is a heck of a lot better," Contreras said.

The cinema is con-

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THEATRE VILLAGE CENTRE CINEMAS



Location:
12622 N Division St.

Admission: \$7.00
with student ID,

\$6.00 for Matinee

Theatres: 14, largest
room seats 275

Now Playing:
Jackass: Number

Two (R)

Coming Soon:
School for Scoundrels (PG-13)

Showtimes:
SpokaneMovies.com

Concessions:
Medium combo in-

cludes two medium
drinks and one large

popcorn for \$9.25

Additional features:
Pleasant Blends

Coffee with 16
Granita flavors

Christie murder mystery playing at local theater

Ignite! Community Theatre is presenting "Mouse-trap" through this Saturday. This Agatha Christie murder mystery weaves together a story of a group of strangers trapped in a boarding house during a snow storm. Show times are Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students, seniors and military and are available at the door or by calling 993-6540.

Pulitzer Prize- nominee speak- ing at EWU

Writer Kirk Johnson will be speaking at Eastern Washington University today at 11 a.m. in the Showalter Hall Auditorium. Johnson is a 20-year New York Times reporter and two-time Pulitzer Prize nominee. At the Times, Johnson has covered politics, crime, economics, sports and the environment. For more information call 359-2514 or visit <http://www.ewu.edu>. Admission is free.

Bible lit trainer presenting edu- cation lecture

A lecture titled "The Bible and Education: Not an Oxymoron" will be presented by Dr. Marie Walchin tomorrow at Rendezvous Events, located at 1003 E. Trent Ave. Walchin is a Bible literature trainer for the Bible Literacy Project, sponsored by Spokane College Women's Association. Doors open at 11 a.m. Admission is \$14. Call 465-0362 for more information.

Greek festival offering food and books

The 71st annual Greek festival will be held Sept. 28-30 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, located at 1703 N. Washington. Lunch will be served daily from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and dinner from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Enjoy souvlakia, imports and the Orthodox Book Store. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for ages 12 and younger. For more information call 328-9310 or visit www.holytrinityspokane.org.

Ella's Supper Club rocks the nightlife

Mikael Fuller
Staff writer

Rumors can be heard all over Spokane about a unique downtown restaurant which features live jazz music and has large variety of wonderful gourmet food.

The rumored restaurant is Ella's Supper Club. It sits high above the rest of downtown's restaurants on the third floor above Center Stage on First Avenue.

As I made the ascent up the three flights of stairs to reach the restaurant, I decided the food must be worth it if people were willing to make the trek upstairs.

We were greeted with a friendly smile by the hostess, before she took us to our seats. I brought my brother along for company and his ear for music. We were escorted to a large round table in the back of the room that was fit for a king and queen.

Two huge throne chairs faced the stage and looked welcoming to your everyday college student. Our server came within five minutes and his first assumption was that my 17-year-old brother was my boyfriend. I corrected him quickly, although I could see why he would make this assumption because the atmosphere and ambiance of the restaurant is perfect for a marriage proposal, an anniversary dinner, or a special date with a loved one.



The furniture fits perfectly with the wood floors and dark red drapery. Beautiful artwork graced the walls and shiny brass and gold accents gleamed and glistened around the room. Glancing outside the window, I noticed an old black-and-white movie being projected on the wall of the building across the street completing the ambience.

The menu was quite extensive ranging from potato wedges on the appetizer menu to huge steaks, mouth watering pastas and impressive entrées. We ordered an appetizer of a basil artichoke dip. Although the flavor was quite tasteful, the dip was not warm which was a little disappointing. The entrée I decided on was Chicken Marsala with garlic mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables.

The chicken was tastefully seasoned and the garlic mashed potatoes were creamy and the garlic flavor came through nicely. My brother ordered a Margarita pizza off the pizza menu. This particular pizza was missing the standard marinara sauce and instead was baked with olive oil. Mozzarella cheese was

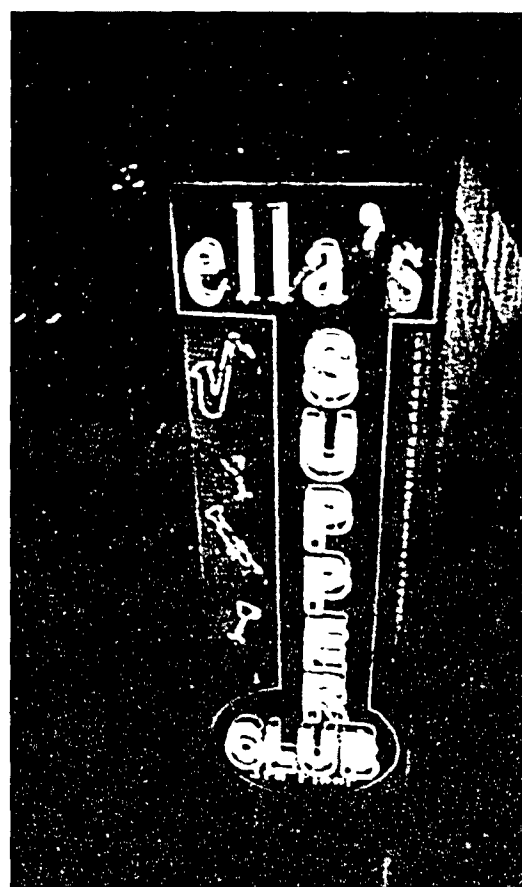
melted on top with cherry tomatoes and the perfect pinch of fresh basil. You can never go wrong with a thin crust gourmet pizza from a brick oven. The meals were visually impressive, perfectly portioned and tastefully flavored.

Ella's Supper Club is known for its live jazz music beginning at 6 p.m. and continuing through the evening. Danny McCullim, a regular pianist at ella's, began playing during our dining experience. The music was pleasant and the perfect volume to continue carrying on conversation. His piano playing was incredible and the music melodies were soothing to the ears. Ella's also features larger jazz ensembles on Friday and Saturday nights.

The three-flight climb to ella's Supper Club is well worth the energy because of the live jazz music, wonderful food and the warm, welcoming atmosphere that awaits you.

Ella's Supper Club is open Tuesday through Saturday from 4:30 p.m. until late in the evening. Their extensive menu has reasonable prices ranging from seven to 29 dollars. The pizza menu offers great variety and cheaper way to dine at ella's.

To find out more about ella's check out www.spokane-centerstage.com, or at www.infospace.com/ellasupport.



Nate Chute/Whitworthian
Ella's Supper club downtown offers live jazz nightly and an excellent selection of pizzas and other affordable items.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Ella's Supper Club

★★★★★

Location: 1017 West
First

Type: Pizza, pasta, steak

Meal cost range: \$7-26

Contact information:
509-747-2860



— Compiled by Joy Bacon

A&E BRIEFS

Repp brings smooth lyrics and sound

Vocalist Corrina Repp will be performing at Half Past Nine this Thursday in the Hixson Union Building. Repp is known for her warm and emotive voice, combining smooth vocals with an original guitar style. Repp is a former tour mate of the Decembrists. Admission is free for Whitworth students and \$3 for the public.

Worship high-lights Global music

Global Worship will be held this Thursday at 4 p.m. in Leid Square. Global Worship is a time to worship and praise God through music for His work all over the world. Whitworth Missions Fellowship will also be presenting students with information about their club.

—Compiled by Joy Bacon

Weekly EVENTS

TUESDAY | SEPT. 26

- Community Building Day for freshmen, no morning classes
- Hosana, 9:45 p.m. in Chapel

WEDNESDAY | SEPT. 27

- Ice cream social with jazz music, 2 p.m. in Library plaza
- Ninja Theme House seminar 6:46 p.m.

THURSDAY | SEPT. 28

- Global Worship, 4 p.m. in Leid Square
- Chapel 11 a.m.
- Campaigning begins 8 a.m. for various ASWC positions
- Environmental Club Pot night 5 p.m. in HUB cafe

FRIDAY | SEPT. 29

- No events scheduled

SATURDAY | SEPT. 30

- No events scheduled

SUNDAY | OCT. 1

- Campaigning ends 11:59 p.m. for various ASWC elections

MONDAY | OCT. 2

- Visiting artist José Parlá in art department
- Primary elections for various ASWC positions

Scene

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thus far at Whitworth.

"I was impressed with Whitworth from the first day I got here. The students remembered my name within minutes of meeting me, and I felt welcome before I was even hired," Dykhouse said. "I feel this is a place God has led me and I am confident in my decision to come here."

Originally from Whidbey Island, Wash., the most recent place Sean Mulcahy called home was Atchison, Kan. Mulcahy graduated from Carroll College and after graduation began working with campus ministry. He eventually found his passion in college leadership when he began working as a hall director.

"It is a big stage in people's lives, and I want to be there to help with the big questions students wrestle with at this time," Mulcahy said.

Mulcahy heard of the opening here through his sister's interest in attending Whitworth. He looked through the Web site and stumbled upon not only the mission statement, but the application for becoming an RD as well. He read the statement, and approved the school for his sister, while at the same time applying for the position.

There are several goals Mulcahy has as an RD that he feels will positively impact the campus.

"I would just love to have great community in the residence hall, where people feel safe and connected. I want Schumacher to feel more a part of the community," Mulcahy said.

Mulcahy also added that he would like to have a "beard season," when all men on campus grow out their beards at the same time.

His favorite show of community thus far has been Traditionation.

"The coolest thing that's happened at Whitworth has been to watch Traditionation and how it helps build community on the campus," Mulcahy said. "I thought that the whole process was very cool and beneficial, and made it easier as a residence director to build the community in the halls after that."

In order to find qualified applicants, the Office of Residence Life and Housing advertised via the school Web site and in several national journals for higher education. Once the applicants applied, they interviewed in front of a



Alyssa Jones/Whitworthian

Students play pool and hang out in the Warren lounge last week. Dorm lounges have recently become high traffic areas for students wanting to take a study break or just spend time with friends.

committee made up of one faculty member, four students, associate dean of students Dick Mandeville, assistant director of student housing Alan Jacob, two RDs, Boymook and director of human resources Dolores Humiston.

When the need for three new residence directors arose, the office of Residence Life and Housing had a specific idea of the person they

were looking for.

"We were looking for people who knew about college students, who understood college students. However, the most important thing was if the college students would want to work with them," Boymook said. "From what I hear, everyone likes them so far, both the RAs and the students."

Dorm lounges becoming busy areas

Belhany Hergert
Staff writer

Homework has begun to pile up on desks campus wide, but occasionally a break is needed from the books. This year, students have turned to the residence hall lounges for means of entertainment.

Baldwin-Jenkins, Arend and Stewart residents have been coming up with many of their own events this year which have aided in building the community.

"The extra socialization strengthens the community by bringing people from different halls and floors together. Games help us loosen up around new people and make friends easier," Arend freshman Kirsten Khoe said.

In addition to Prime Time, Arend residents

have put on their own events. They have organized dorm-wide movie nights, football tournaments and a Disney sing-along night.

Stewart also has found interesting ways to pass the time such as games of righteous ball, an 80s dance night and even a cookie-making/movie-night combo.

BJ tends to go with the traditional forms of dorm fun like Frisbee, random games of "would you rather" and dance parties.

Dorm events are going beyond Prime Time this year, so when a study break is needed, the lounges are the place to make new friends and have fun in the process.

"There's always something going on. We've all gotten to know each other a lot better by hanging out in the lounge," Arend freshman Tiffany Buley said.

MOVIES: Cinema boasts 14 auditoriums and private party rooms for rent



Rachel Lynn/Whitworthian

Village Cinema, located at 12622 N Division St. offers a quality cinematic experience and is closer to campus than other area theaters.

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structed around 14 stadium-style auditoriums. Nearly 300 guests can fit inside the two larger auditoriums, while 120 to 250 can be seated in the dozen other auditoriums. Each room is equipped with wall-to-wall screens, two of which are 28 feet by 44 feet in size.

"The presentation is just as good, if not better," Contreras said in comparison to what other local cinemas can offer.

He also mentioned that each room has over a dozen digital speakers running at 7,500 watts, drowning audiences in high-quality sound. Crystal clear images flash across a 45-watt bulb picture, dazzling spectators with state-of-the-art cinema technology.

Stadium-style seating with high backed chairs (similar to the Regal Cinemas at Northtown) offer an amazingly comfortable seat for visitors enjoying the show and prevent any visual obstruction from other rows closer to the screen.

Contreras has also spoken with school administrators about a proposal that would allow students to buy movie tickets with their flex-points, much like how WSU students can buy movie tickets with their "Cougar Cash."

Sophomore Anna Harbine enjoys going to Village Centre Cinemas, especially since it's so close to school.

"It's five minutes from Whitworth," Harbine said, who was also excited to learn that she might be able to watch movies with flex-points.

"It would be a great way for the school to branch out," Harbine said. "It's like you're confined on campus when you don't have money."

Contreras is excited for the release of new films such as "Casino Royale," the latest James Bond movie, and "Guardian" starring Kevin Costner and Josh Hartnett, which will certainly draw a crowd, many of whom will be Whitworth students taking advantage of this new cinemas great location and stellar presentation.

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Tips for protecting your vehicle from robbery:

- Cover your car in dead fish
- Install a Webcam in your dashboard
- Sleep inside your car
- Invest in a remote control flame thrower
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- Use a trunk monkey
- Build an underground garage beneath Duvall Hall
- Replace your windows with bullet-proof glass
- Drive a car that's too old and clunky to bother breaking into
- Avoid leaving \$100 bills on your front seat
- Ride a bike instead

Two students visit Israel over summer

Students discover the people behind Middle Eastern political issues

Julie Woolton
Staff writer

This past summer senior Cecilia Lavery and sophomore Mickey Hansen both visited Israel and Palestine, where they immersed themselves in the culture and became more educated about the situations there.

Lavery visited the Israel and Palestine area during the last two weeks of July with Interfaith Peace Builders, a non-profit organization affiliated with the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

"The mission of the Interfaith Peace Builders is to bring delegations to Israel and Palestine to help educate Americans about the situation there," Lavery said. "It is the responsibility of the individuals to go on the trip and then talk about their experiences and the reality of the situations there."

Lavery heard about the trip at a conference she attended two years ago that was put on by the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

"I am fascinated with the Israeli/Palestinian conflict and I am desirous to be a player in the peace process there," Lavery said. "I also wanted to see if this was my area of calling."

There were 15-16 people on the trip, ranging in age from 21- to 83-years-old. The group consisted of people with different professions, religions and political beliefs from all over the country.

The main headquarters of the trip was Jerusalem, where the group visited various religious sites. The group spent about two-thirds of their time in the West Bank, but also visited Bethlehem and various other cities in Israel.

"We visited with individuals and non-profits who are working towards peace-making in the area," Lavery said.

One of the highlights of Lavery's trip was a homestay with a Palestinian family in Beit Sahour, a town located just outside of Bethlehem.

"They were very welcoming

of us and were very touched that Americans still came to the West Bank despite the war between Lebanon and Israel," Lavery said.

Lavery emphasized the importance of the world population becoming more educated about the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, especially economically and security wise.

"As Americans, we have no idea what is going on over there, especially on the grassroots level," Lavery said. "There is a lot of Israeli sentiment that I was unaware of and the trip opened my eyes to the extremity of the situation."

Americans should be interested in the Israeli/Palestinian conflict because there are a significant amount of U.S. tax dollars going towards aiding the state of Israel, Lavery said.

Lavery said that she felt safer in Palestine rather than in Israel.

"Israel is so militarized from the Israeli Defense Forces everywhere with their guns and military helicopters flying back and forth over the beach near Jaffa every 30 minutes," Lavery said. "In Israel you never could forget who was 'boss' just by the sheer visibility of military might."

One of the things that Lavery became aware of during the trip was that Israelis are insecure in their daily lives and that they desire an end to the fighting.

"There is no psychological help for people who are required to join the military and they witness suicide bombers and other events which give them feelings of insecurity," Lavery said. "The average consensus on both sides is that the fighting and destruction needs to stop."

Lavery's time in Israel and Palestine was influential in shaping her view of the region.

"This experience helped me put a human face on the Palestinian plight," Lavery said. "Additionally, it encouraged me to give a voice to the voiceless Palestinians."

Sophomore Mickey Hansen also traveled to Israel and Palestine this summer.

Hansen went to Israel and Palestine for 10 days in late May with a tour group from Calvin Presbyterian Church in Shoreline, Wash.

"A cool thing about the trip was that it was geared towards being a pilgrimage for Christians," Hansen said.

About 30 people went on the trip with the average age of the participants being 60-70 years old.

"I went on the trip with my dad and grandma, who is 84," Hansen said. "She [my grandma] was the oldest person on the trip and I was the youngest by far."

Hansen visited destinations such as Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, the Sea of Galilee, Mount Carmel, Nazareth, Bethlehem and the Valley of Armageddon.

Hansen had the opportunity to go with her tour group to a high school in a small Palestinian town to attend a lecture by two Palestinian Christians. Before the lecture started, Hansen was wandering around when two girls walked by and said hello to her in English.

"We sat down and talked to each other for about an hour and a half instead of going to the lecture," Hansen said. "They were excited to practice speaking English and talked about what it is like to be a Muslim. I talked about my life as an American and since I had my digital camera with me, I started showing them pictures."

The only time that Hansen felt unsafe as an American was when the group walked across Hebron, a town in Palestine.

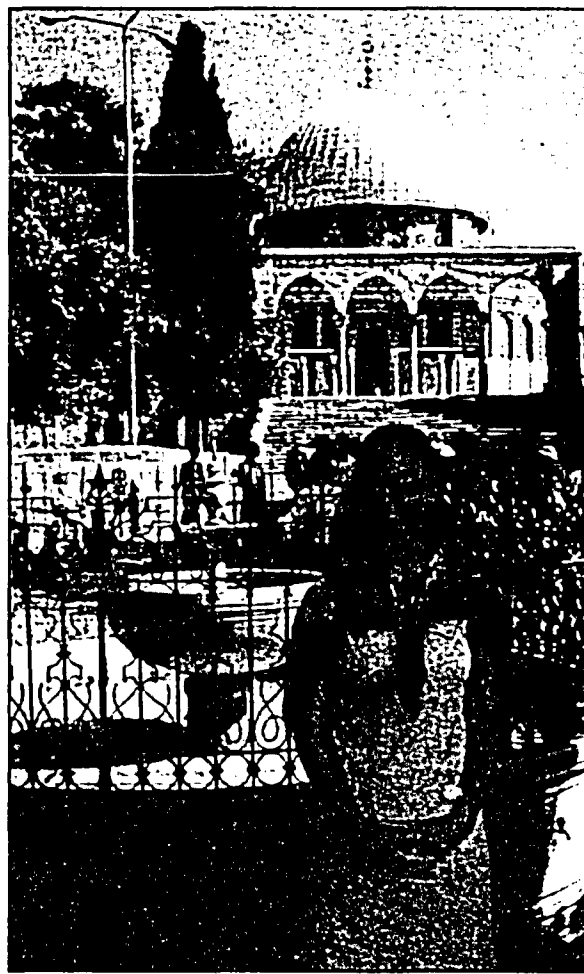
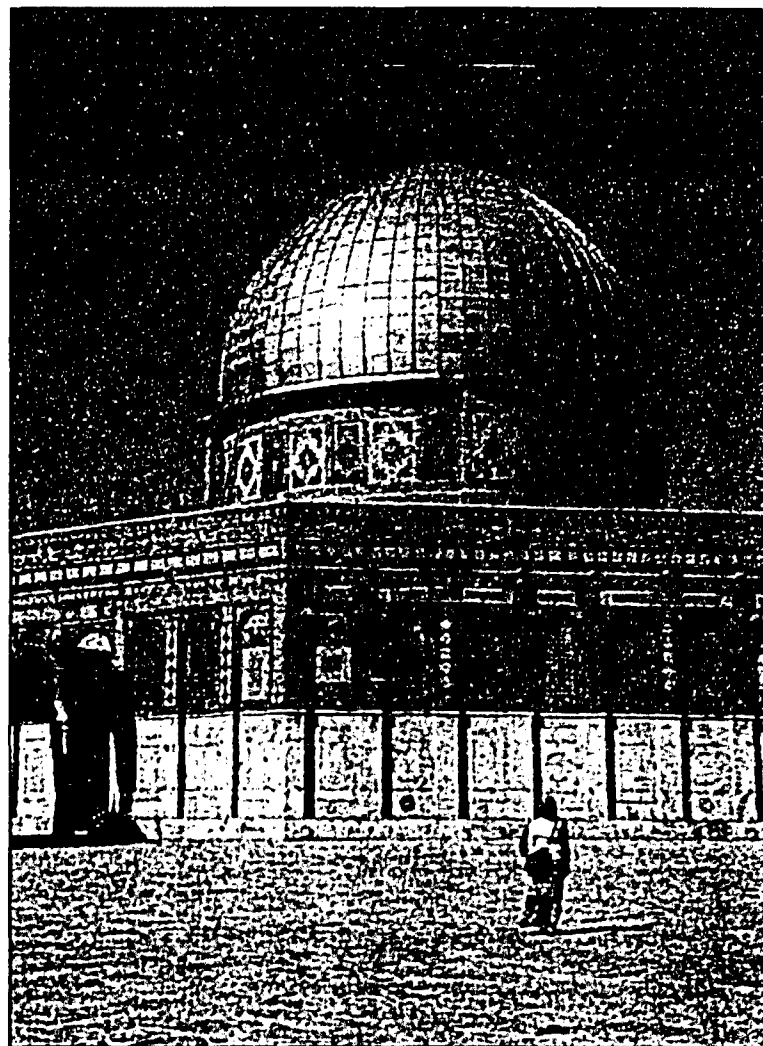
"We passed by a market and people were pointing, yelling and screaming at us, which was a little daunting," Hansen said. "The guide who was with us had to tell the people to back off."

Another incident where Hansen felt unsafe occurred when the group was walking through a town on the way back from visiting a mosque.

"There were some kids standing on a roof pretending to shoot us with sticks and one little boy threw a rock at me," Hansen said.

Hansen said that learning about the people and culture of Israel and Palestine was the most meaningful part of the trip, rather than seeing the different sites.

"I loved conversing with Roman Catholic Hispanics who were also in Israel and Palestine as tourists," Hansen said. "Israel and Palestine is not a tourist destination, but rather, an experience and I am glad I went on the trip."



ABOVE: The Dome of the Rock, a famous Islamic shrine in Jerusalem believed by Jews to be where Abraham almost sacrificed Isaac, and by Muslims to be where Muhammad ascended to God and was given the Islamic prayers. Photo courtesy of Cecilia Lavery

LEFT: Sophomore Mickey Hansen stands in front of the Dome of the Rock this past summer. Photo courtesy of Mickey Hansen

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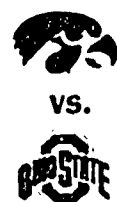
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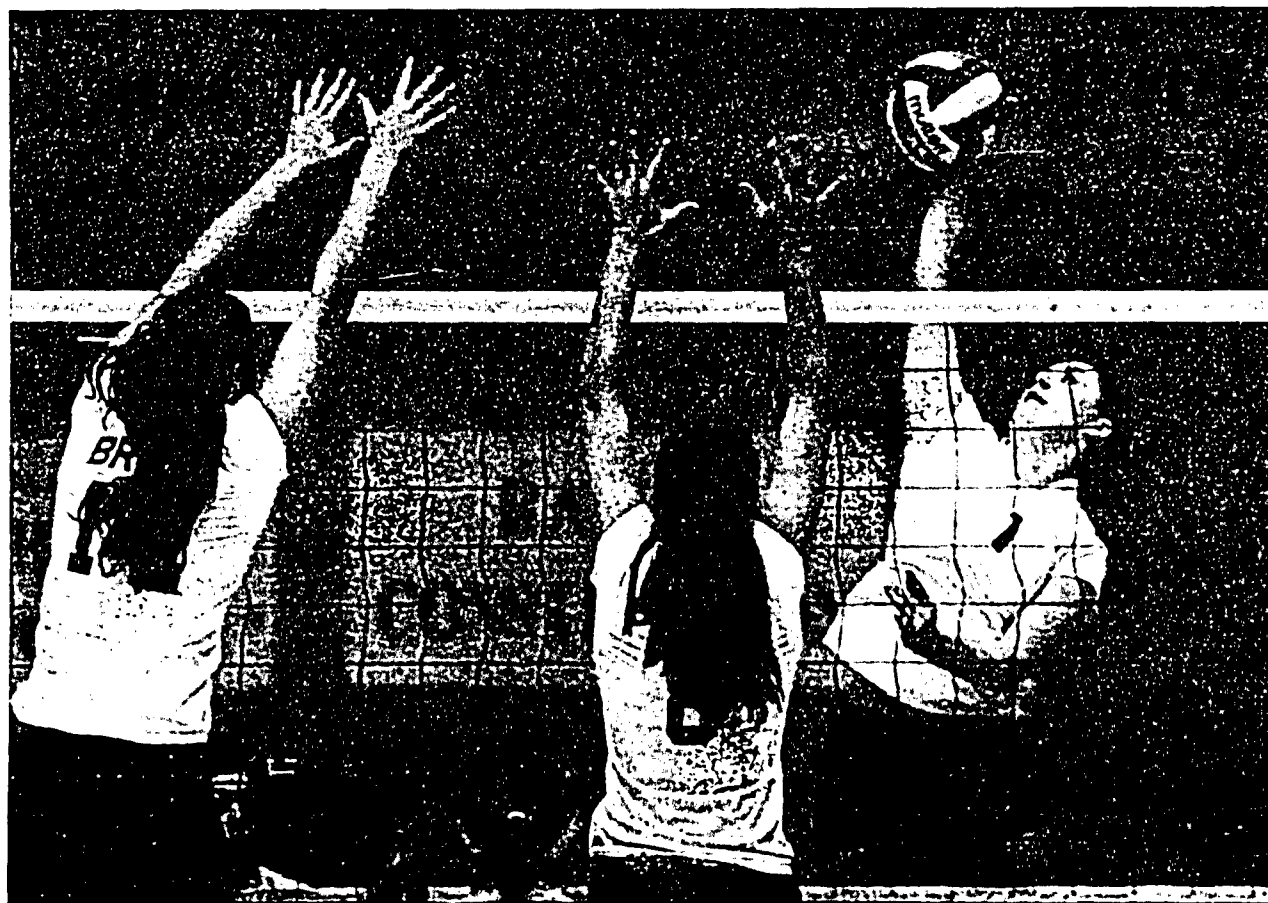
Game to watch

(1) Ohio State at (14) Iowa

College Football

Saturday, Sept. 30 @ 5 p.m.

ABC Sports



Sophomore outside hitter Nikki Bardwell sends down one of her 10 kills over Holly Hutchinson and Jennifer Panico of George Fox as teammate Angie Florence looks on. The Pirates swept the Bruins 30-23, 30-26, 30-26 last Saturday night to improve their conference record to 2-2.

Bryan Whitmore/Whitworthian

Volleyball splits decisions

Sara Morehouse
Staff writer

In the first home games of the season, the Whitworth women improved their standings to 3-12 overall and 2-2 in conference.

The home crowd support didn't give the usual advantage against Lewis & Clark College last Friday night. The Pirates fought hard through four games, but ended up losing 30-32, 25-30, 30-15 and 30-32.

The game marks the first time in the past 18 years the Whitworth women have lost to Lewis & Clark at home.

Sophomore middle blocker Holly Tomlin didn't feel like she had an "A" game and attributed the loss as a team to "first home-game jitters."

"We looked frantic out there; we weren't communicating," Tomlin said.

Head coach Steve Rupe said that Lewis & Clark earned about one quarter of their points due to Pirate mistakes. Despite team errors, Rupe noted that individuals' stats were impressive.

"We beat them in every statistical category except for on the score-

board," Rupe said.

Whitworth's combined kills added up to 20 more than Lewis & Clark. Senior middle blocker Angie Florence led players from both teams with 19 kills, followed by sophomore outside hitter Nikki Bardwell with 12 and senior middle blocker Tamra Stark with 11.

Junior libero Cassie Moore topped all players with 31 digs and Florence contributed 16. Sophomore setter Holly Ridings contributed 47 assists for the Pirates.

Last Saturday, the Whitworth women rebounded to beat George Fox University in straight games with scores of 30-23, 30-26, 30-26.

Though the individual stats weren't quite as high, Rupe said that the team played more consistently together and had better ball control, a skill they have been working on lately.

Stark shut down George Fox with a career high of eight blocks, Florence followed with six. Tomlin led the team with 13 kills, Bardwell had 10 and Florence had six. Moore had 13 digs, while Florence picked up nine. Ridings assisted in 30 plays for the team.

Tomlin said that the spirit was higher against George Fox and

thought that the team had redeemed itself from Friday's game. She looks ahead to more conference play.

"Every game in the conference is going to be challenging, but if we play like we played today, we should win," Tomlin said.

Stark attributes Saturday's success to a gain in team confidence since pre-season. Having won a couple of games, seeing more of what their teammates have to offer and simply playing more games together, she said they just have to work on some of the "little things."

"We have everything we need; we just need to come together as a team and find the fire," Stark said.

They travel to Tacoma this weekend to play conference games against the University of Puget Sound and Pacific Lutheran University. Rupe knows that they have some hard work ahead.

"If we want to be competitive, we need to be more consistent," Rupe said. "It is going to be a tough week. Both teams are in the upper crust of the conference."

The Pirates will return to the Fieldhouse to play Whitman College on Oct. 4 at 6 p.m., opening a four-match homestand.

Pirates show resolve in win

Colin Storm
Sports Editor

Maybe it wasn't pretty, but it got the job done.

The Whitworth Pirates offense, who sputtered for 59 minutes and 57 seconds, took advantage of a 60-minute game by scoring to tie the game at 7-7 with the final ticks of the clock winding down.

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of the
STORM**

But what separates this Pirate team from ones in the past is that, despite the offensive struggles, the defense held their ground and gave the Whitworth offense opportunities at the end of the game to win, knowing with full confidence that the offense would eventually put the ball in the end zone.

"We were committed to backing up our offense whenever we were on the field. The most important aspect of each defensive series was getting the ball back into the offense's hands," junior defensive back Ryan Marshall said. "We had absolute confidence that they would come through. Our offense struggled a bit on Saturday, but that never was a problem. We are such a strong team that every time the defense came back on the field we would tell our offensive guys that we would get them the ball back for another shot to score."

And score they did. In front of Chicago Bears GM Jerry Angelo, who came to watch Pirate senior tight end Michael Allan, Whitworth drove 76 yards in 1:06 without any timeouts to extend the game into overtime.

These are the kinds of tests that make or break a season and the Pirates passed this test.

"This win was a huge one for us. Without a doubt, Wisconsin-Stout was our biggest battle thus far in the season," Marshall said. "If we are truly the team we desire to be we have to win games like we had on Saturday. This game really brought us together and showed that we are a strong unit as a team. It was definitely awesome to gel so well together and be able to look into each other's eyes and know no one was going to let the team down."

Multiple times the Blue Devils had a chance to put the game away, but time and time again the Pirate defense stepped up with a big play. The first came with 12:12 left in the game. The Pirates blocked Wisconsin-Stout kicker Brandon Raciborski's field goal attempt. Then, with less than three minutes left in the game, they stepped up and stopped the Blue Devils offense cold, forcing them into a long field goal that Raciborski missed wide right.

That set up the eventual winning touchdown.

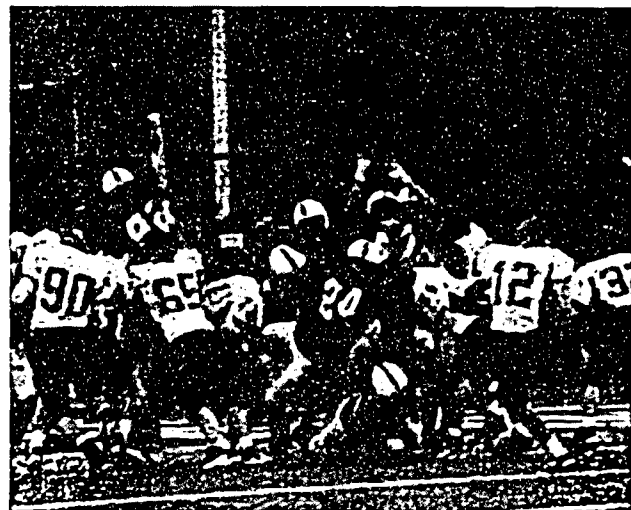
"What's most awesome is the fact that we know as a team that there will be days our defense will struggle and the offense will have our backs and vice versa," Marshall said.

The 17th-ranked Pirates are going places: You can tell by the attitude, you can tell by the talent and you can tell by the heart. The fact that, even on an off day against a top-notch opponent, they have the confidence in each other to step up is a sign coach John Tully must love.

"We stick together and back each other up no matter who's struggling," Marshall said.

Ahh, it's a great year to be a fan of Pirate football.

Pirates win 2 OT thriller, keep perfect record



Justin Jose
Staff writer

The Pirates were in trouble: fourth quarter, down 7-0 in a downpour of rain, 1:06 left and their offense 76 yards away from the end zone.

Pirates senior quarterback Joel Clark, who had thrown three interceptions and no touchdowns, showed great fortitude by directing a miraculous 76-yard drive capped by a four-yard pass to junior defensive back Jay Tully. The touchdown came with three seconds remaining and senior kicker Cameron Collings' PAT sent the game into overtime.

Two missed field goals by both teams ushered in the second overtime where Wisconsin-Stout scored on a

one-yard quarterback keeper. The Blue Devils' kicker Brandon Raciborski booted the extra point wide right, which meant Whitworth could win with a score and extra point.

The Pirates responded to the Blue Devils by scoring on sophomore running back Shane Stonemetz's two-yard plunge and won the contest on Collings' extra point, 14-13. The loss was Wisconsin-Stouts' first to a non-conference opponent since 2003.

"Without a doubt, Wisconsin-Stout was our biggest battle thus far in the season," junior defensive back Ryan Marshall said. "If we are truly the team we desire to be, we have to win games like we had on Saturday. This game really brought us together and showed that we are a strong unit as a

team. It was definitely awesome to gel so well together and be able to look into each other's eyes and know no one was going to let the team down."

The Pirates' first drive had Clark directing the offense downfield, but he was intercepted in the end zone. The Pirates offense racked up 387 yards but couldn't find the end zone for the first 59 minutes and 57 seconds. Every time the Pirates threatened to score, the Blue Devils came up with a defensive stop.

Meanwhile, Blue Devil running back Ryan Englebert was running amuck. On the Blue Devils first possession, Englebert raced 71 yards for the games first score. Englebert finished the game with 129 yards rush

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Senior kicker Cam Collings boots the game-winning PAT after the Pirates made a fourth quarter comeback to beat Wisconsin-Stout 14-13 in double overtime.

Photo Courtesy of Layne Pitt

Whitworth hosts meet, women win



Thomas Robinson/Whitworthian

Junior Jacob Deitz, senior Jeff Grassley and freshman Dusty Caseria push themselves up a hill in the Back 40 during the Whitworth Short Course Meet last Saturday. Caseria finished seventh overall, Deitz finished ninth and Grassley finished 16th in the race.

KT Pridgen
Staff writer

Senior Julie Lauterbach jumped to an early lead and never looked back at the Whitworth Short Course Meet last Saturday. The two-mile race was held in the Back 40.

"My strategy was to start out faster. I had mile times I wanted to hit and I wanted to just run consistently," Lauterbach said.

Her strategy worked well. Lauterbach started out strong and throughout the race continued to stretch out her lead, eventually leading by over 20 seconds with a time of 11:48.

"We've never run a two-mile race, so it was a new experience for the team," Lauterbach said.

The new experience proved to be a success as the women won the meet with 25 points, followed by the Community Colleges of Spokane with 52 points and Gonzaga University with 57 points.

Running second for the Pirates was freshman Jo Mayer, who finished third overall with a time of 12:13. Other scoring runners were junior Andrea Camahan at 12:26, freshman Kaitlin Hildebrand at 12:36 and junior Emily Hurd at 12:38.

Community Colleges of Spokane won the team title on the men's side while the Pirates took third.

Freshman Dusty Caseria was the top runner for the Pirates, finishing seventh overall

with a time of 10:05.

"I tend to do better staying back and picking it up later on," Caseria said. "I went out more conservative and picked up the pace in the second half of the race and passed a lot of guys."

Caseria was followed closely by senior Jacob Deitz, who finished ninth with a time of 10:07. Running third for Whitworth was junior Travis Huskisson who finished 11th with a 10:18. Also scoring for the Pirates were senior Jeff Grassley, who finished 16th at 10:17 and freshman Emmanuel Bofa, who finished 17th at 10:21.

The men's race was won by Joe Miller of Gonzaga with a time of 9:45.

With many cross-country teams taking the week as a break week, head coach Toby Schwarz put together a shorter course to encourage attendance.

"I just wanted a course that would be fun and unique," Schwarz said.

Although the meet was home and the race was shorter, the course was still difficult.

"It was a tough course, a lot hillier that we're used to, but I thought the team ran really well," Caseria said.

Schwarz was also pleased with the teams' performances.

"There was great weather, great competition, and great performances. Both teams did well," Schwarz said.

The team will run this Saturday at the Pacific Lutheran University Invitational.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Golden goal by Hagerott gives Pirates Oregon sweep

Motz records two shutouts, Crowe scores two goals as Whitworth improves to 3-1

Elise Page
Staff writer

The girls soccer team celebrated two wins this weekend, one a domination and one a golden goal.



CROWE

Last Saturday, the women played the Linfield College Wildcats, coming away with a 3-0 win. Sophomore forward Penelope Crowe scored a goal in the 23rd minute of the first half

with an assist from sophomore forward Whitney Ramsey.

"We played really well and we were very composed," Ramsey said. "In the second half we were also really competitive and came back with two goals."

Six minutes into the second half, Crowe scored another goal with an assist from senior midfielder Nicole Starkey. Crowe's goals were her first two of the season. Junior forward Greta Thibodeau scored the final goal and her fourth goal of the season with an assist from junior midfielder Jael Hagerott.

"Our team played really well," sophomore defender Kelly Baker said. "We were really consistent with passing and we controlled most of the game."

The Pirates controlled the game with 15 shots to Linfield's nine. The Wildcats had two opportunities to score in the first half, but in the 23rd minute

Stephanie Caster's header hit the cross bar and Kelli Gillespie's shot was just wide in the 34th minute.

Last Sunday, the Pirates played the Pacific Boxers and came out with a 1-0 victory in Golden Goal overtime.

"Today was really intense, but we ended up winning. In the beginning of the game, we created a lot of opportunities to score, but we couldn't follow through," freshman midfielder Lindsay Oakes said. "That's why the pressure was on at the end of the game and overtime."

In overtime, the girls fought through to score first in sudden-death overtime.

"We just decided that we were going to score first and we did," Oakes said.

Hagerott scored the winning goal just a minute into overtime with an assist from Crowe to end the game and claim a victory for the Pirates.

"I wasn't really thinking much at all. Penelope assisted a perfect ball and I was in the box and I scored. It felt great because it was my first goal in two years," Hagerott said.

Hagerott missed the entire 2005 campaign with a torn ligament in her knee.

Whitworth outshot Pacific University 17-5 in the match, including 10-1 in the second half. The Pirates almost took a 1-0 lead in the 75th minute of the match, but Erin Nakasone's header off a corner kick hit the post and spurted wide. Not long after, Boxer goalie Shannon Tillman was forced to make a save at a close range.

Pirate goalkeeper, junior Leah Motz, made four saves in the shutout victory, her fourth shutout of the season.

The Pirates, now 3-1 in conference and 5-1-1 overall, look to take these victories and the confidence boost with them as they play Pacific Lutheran University and University of Puget Sound at home this weekend. Both matches will have a noon kickoff. UPS is currently ranked No. 3 in the nation. All three teams are 3-1-1 in NWC play.

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ing on 15 carries. Whitworth couldn't score as evidence of Clark's three critical interceptions, but neither could Wisconsin-Stout.

Englebert's touchdown held all game and the Blue Devils could have iced the game with a 41-yard field goal, but Raciborski missed giving the Pirates a slim chance.

Clark personified those words by directing a miracle drive. From the 24-yard line, Clark connected with senior tight end Michael Allan for 12 yards. Clark then hit junior tight end Drew Griggs for 17 yards and followed with a 36-yard pass to Allan. With the ball spotted on the 11, Clark had two runs for seven yards. Then, with three seconds remaining, Clark hit Tully for the score.

"None of us ever doubted our offense's ability to score. We all had so much confidence in those guys and had total confidence in them getting the ball into the end zone," Marshall said.

Once in overtime both teams had opportunities to put up points. Collings missed with his 40-yard try, then Raciborski missed a 37-yard attempt to win. In the second overtime, the Blue Devils scored on a 1-yard keeper by quarterback Tanner Kattre. Raciborski's PAT sailed wide right awarding the Pirates a momentous opportunity.

The Pirates took advantage of that opportunity when Clark hit Allan for a 20-yard reception that put Whitworth in a position to score. Moments later, Stonemetz ran through the defense for the score, his only rush of the contest. Collings demonstrated clutch kicking by drilling the PAT for the win.

Clark finished the game 18-32 for 216 yards passing and 74 yards rushing on 19 carries. Allan led the Pirates with six catches for 108 yards and sophomore running back Milton Nelson carried the

ball 15 times for 59 yards. Senior linebacker Nick Portrey led the defense with 10 total tackles, while the Blue Devils' linebacker Luke Steffen had 16 tackles to lead the Wisconsin-Stout defense.

The Pirates defense, turning in another dominant performance, kept the Whitworth offense in the game by holding the Blue Devils to 278 yards of offense. The Pirate defense came up with one sack and blocked a field goal. They were also key in bailing out the offense after Clark was sacked on fourth down in Whitworth territory in the fourth. The defense forced a long field goal and allowed the Pirates offense to come back on the field for what was the game-tying drive.

"The most important aspect of each defensive series was getting the ball back into the offense's hands. We had absolute confidence that they would come through. Our offense struggled a bit on Saturday, but that never was a problem," Marshall said. "We are such a strong team that every time the defense came back on the field, we would tell our offensive guys that we would get them the ball back for another shot to score ... What's most awesome is the fact that we know as a team that there will be days our defense will struggle and the offense will have our backs and vice-versa."

Englebert accounted for 129 yards of the Blue Devil offense while his teammates could only muster 149 yards; 77 came by Kattre's arm and 72 by a compilation of runners. The Pirates seemed doomed, but their comeback gave them ammunition to finally sink the Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils.

The 17th-ranked Pirates, now 3-0, will be in a battle this Saturday when they square off with NAIA powerhouse Azusa Pacific University at 1:00 p.m. in the Pine Bowl.

Sports BRIEFS

Seahawks sign former Super Bowl MVP

The Seattle Seahawks took major steps to improving their offense when they acquired Deion Branch from the New England Patriots. Branch signed a six-year, \$39 million contract with Seattle after a 45-day holdout from New England. Branch finished his first game with the Seahawks catching two passes for 23 yards in the 42-30 win over the New York Giants.

Europeans beat Americans in Ryder Cup

Matching the largest margin of victory from 2004, the European Ryder Cup team defeated the U.S. team by a score of 18 1/2 to 9 1/2 last Sunday. The defeat could have been worse, but Euro Paul McGinley conceded a 25-foot putt to American J.J. Henry when the match was all square in a show of sportsmanship. Europe has now won the Ryder Cup five of the last six times and eight of the last 11.

Roddick, USA fall to Russia in Davis Cup

Despite a heroic comeback from American Andy Roddick, Russian Dmitry Tursunov held on for a 6-3, 6-4, 5-7, 3-6, 17-15 win at the Davis Cup last Sunday. The win gave the Russians a 3-1 victory in a best-of-five series. The Russians took an early lead when Marat Safin defeated Roddick and Mikhail Youzhny defeated American James Blake for a 2-0 lead. American twins Bob and Mike Bryan responded with a doubles victory to close the gap to 2-1. Blake defeated Safin 7-5, 7-6 (4) in the final match. The Russians move on to face Argentina in the finals after the 3-2 win.

Tigers clinch first playoff berth since '87

Despite a second-half decline, the Detroit Tigers assured themselves at least a wild card berth by defeating the Kansas City Royals 11-4 last Sunday. The Tigers are still in contention for the AL Central crown as of last Sunday, maintaining a 1 1/2 game lead over the Minnesota Twins. The last time the Tigers made it to the playoffs was in 1987 when they won the AL East before losing to the Twins 4-1 in the ALCS.

—Compiled by
Yasmeen Cobb



Football

	NWC	ALL
Willamette	1-0	1-3
Whitworth	0-0	3-0
UPS	0-0	3-0
Linfield	0-0	0-2
LC	0-0	0-3
PLU	0-0	0-3
Menlo	0-1	2-2

Next Pirate game:
Whitworth vs. Azusa Pacific
Saturday, Sept. 30 @ 1 p.m.

Women's Soccer

	NWC	ALL
Willamette	4-0-0	7-0-1
UPS	3-1-0	5-1-1
Whitworth	3-1-0	5-1-1
PLU	3-1-0	6-2-0
George Fox	1-2-1	3-3-1
Whitman	1-2-1	1-3-1
Linfield	0-2-2	2-4-2
Pacific	0-3-1	2-3-2
LC	0-3-1	2-5-1

Next Pirate game:
Whitworth vs. PLU
Saturday, Sept. 30 @ Noon

Men's Soccer

	NWC	ALL
Whitworth	2-1-1	3-3-2
UPS	2-0-0	5-0-0
PLU	2-0-0	5-1-0
Pacific	2-1-0	5-1-0
Whitman	1-1-2	2-1-2
Linfield	0-1-2	3-2-2
Willamette	0-2-1	1-6-1
George Fox	0-3-0	4-3-1

Next Pirate game:
Whitworth vs. PLU
Saturday, Sept. 30 @ 2:30 p.m.

Volleyball

	NWC	ALL
Linfield	4-0	11-0
PLU	4-0	10-4
Whitman	3-1	7-5
UPS	2-2	7-4
LC	2-2	4-10
Whitworth	2-2	3-12
Pacific	1-3	4-10
Willamette	0-4	3-10
George Fox	0-4	3-11

Next Pirate game:
Whitworth at UPS
Friday, Sept. 29 @ 7 p.m.

Player of
THE WEEK

Holly Ridings
Setter

77 assists, 23 digs and
7 kills in two games

Whitworth stunned on the road

Colin Storm
Sports Editor

Whitworth's men's soccer team was stunned last weekend when they went to Oregon and left with no wins.



VARLAMOS

Offensive Player of the Year, received a pass from junior midfielder Skye Henderson and scored from 15 yards out.

Linfield answered with just over a minute left in the first half when Adam Jaffe scored from 10

The Pirates, ranked seventh in the West and predicted by coaches to win their third-straight NWC title, played conference rival Linfield College last Saturday and came away with a 3-3 tie.

Whitworth's senior forward Niko Varlamos opened the scoring just 12 minutes into the game.

Varlamos, a former NWC

yards out after a scramble in the box knocked it to Nick Jauregui. Jauregui then found Jaffe who found the back of the net past Whitworth senior goalkeeper Kevin Bostock.

The Pirates had an answer of their own when senior midfielder Ali Seyedali, NWC Offensive Player of the Week, put a 22-yard free kick past Wildcat goalie Grant Williams with just under 28 minutes left in the game.

Once again, Linfield would respond. With 16 minutes left, Andy Sharp sent a long shot that Mike Grabast kicked home off of a rebound.

Linfield used that momentum to take their first lead of the match with four minutes left in the game. Chris Paradis headed home a ball sent in from teammate Spencer Hunter to give Linfield the 3-2 lead and what they thought was the game.

But Varlamos would have none of it as he scored a goal only 47 seconds later rebounding a shot that went off Williams to tie the score at 3-3 and send the match into overtime.

In the second overtime, Whitworth had a chance when senior forward Chris Johnson sent a shot just wide with an open goal. The score re-

mained tied until the match concluded after the second overtime.

Last Sunday the Pirates looked to rebound from a tie, but found the Pacific University Boxer's standing in the way.

In a defensive battle, the Boxers prevailed when Matt McDonough scored his fifth goal of the season in the 27th minute. McDonough stole the ball at mid-field and dribbled the ball past the Whitworth defenders and Bostock for a goal.

The Pirates did try to answer when they out-shot the Boxers 17-4 for the match, but no Pirates could find the back of the net. Pacific goalkeeper Jory Shene made 12 saves in the contest and picked up the biggest win of his career.

Whitworth's best chance to score came in the 89th minute when Varlamos' direct free kick found Johnson across the field. Johnson drilled the shot, but Shene made a diving save to complete the shutout.

The Pirates look to recover this weekend when they host Pacific Lutheran University (2-0, 5-1) this Saturday and University of Puget Sound this Sunday. Both games start at 2:30 p.m.

CONFERENCE BRIEFS

Football

The Willamette University Bearcats defeated the Menlo College Oaks 41-35 to open NWC play. Junior Matt Bicocca hit a 33-yard field goal with 4:43 left in the game to give the Bearcats a lead they wouldn't relinquish.

Men's Soccer

Pacific Lutheran University Lutes defeated the Simon Fraser University Clan 2-0 with goals from Mike Ferguson and Baard Asker. The Lutes are 5-1.

Women's Soccer

Four-time defending NWC champion University of Puget Sound Loggers were knocked off on the road by the Willamette University Bearcats 3-0 in a battle of nationally-ranked teams. The #18 Bearcats received a boost from senior midfielder Susan Butler, who scored a goal and had an assist, to beat the #3 Loggers.

Volleyball

Linfield College Wildcats needed four games to beat the Pacific University Boxers 30-23 30-19, 25-30, 30-18 and continue their unbeaten season.

SCOREBOARD

Football

Whitworth 14, Wisc-Stout 13 (2OT)
Whitworth 0 0 0 7 0 7 - 14
Wisc-Stout 7 0 0 0 0 6 - 13

PASSING: Clark (WH) 18-31, 216; Kattre (WS) 12-22, 77
RUSHING: Clark (WH) 19-74; Englebert (WS) 15-135
RECEIVING: Allan (WH) 6-104; Englebert (WS) 2-22
TACKLES: Portrey (WH) 10; Steffen (WS) 16

Men's Soccer

Whitworth 3, Linfield 3
Whitworth 1 2 0 0 - 3
Linfield 1 2 0 0 - 3

Whitworth: Varlamos (2), Seyedali
Linfield: Jaffe, Grabast, Paradis

Pacific 1, Whitworth 0
Whitworth 0 0 - 0
Pacific 1 0 - 1

Whitworth: None
Linfield: McDonough

Women's Soccer

Whitworth 3, Linfield 0
Whitworth 1 2 - 3
Linfield 0 0 - 0

Whitworth: Crowe (2), Thibodeau
Linfield: None

Whitworth 1, Pacific 0
Whitworth 0 0 1 - 1
Pacific 0 0 0 - 0

Whitworth: Hagerott
Linfield: None

Volleyball

Lewis & Clark def. Whitworth 32-30, 30-25, 15-10, 32-30
LC 32 30 15 32
Whitworth 30 25 30 30

KILLS: Kentler (LC) 14; Florence (WH) 19
BLOCKS: Kentler (LC) 7; Stark (WH) 2
ASSISTS: Chase (LC) 13; Ridings (WH) 47
ACES: Collins (LC) 2; Florence, Moore (WH) 3

Whitworth def. George Fox 30-23, 30-24, 30-26
George Fox 23 26 26
Whitworth 30 30 30

KILLS: Philliber (GF) 12; Tomlin (WH) 13
BLOCKS: Anderson, Hutchinson (GF) 2; Stark (WH) 8
ASSISTS: Knight (GF) 27; Ridings (WH) 30
ACES: Rasmussen (GF) 2; Four players (WH) 1

Intramurals

Tennis Tournament
Winner Bracket finals:
C. Storm/A. McFarland def. T. Storm/A. O'Brien/
B. Johnson 7-5

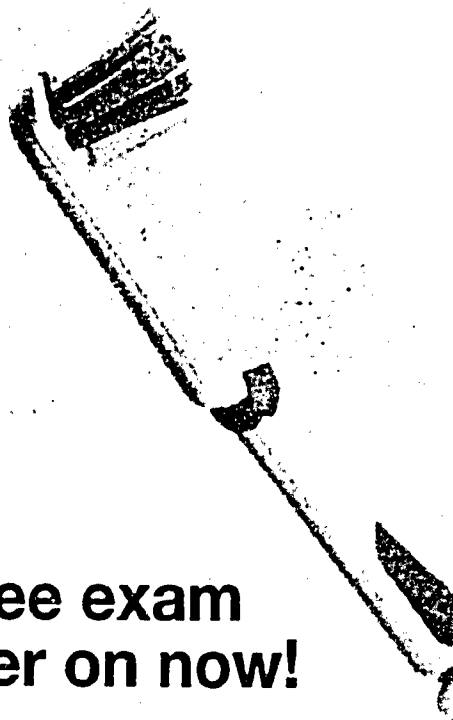
Lower Bracket quarterfinals:
A. Rogstad/T. Wammack/T. Strang def. P. Smelser/J. Davis
6-2

Lower Bracket semifinals:
A. Rogstad/T. Wammack/T. Strang def. S. Prevette/L. Culbertson 7-5

Lower Bracket finals:
T. Storm/A. O'Brien/B. Johnson def. A. Rogstad/T. Wammack/T. Strang* 6-4 (Strang did not play in tournament)

Championship:
C. Storm/C. Storm/A. McFarland def. T. Storm/A. O'Brien/
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LIGHTS with
Julie Lauterbach
cross country

No Excuses

"Julie doesn't know
what an excuse is,"
Hurd said.

Work Ethic

"Julie inspires oth-
ers to work hard,
by showing the
team what hard
work looks like,"
teammate Emily
Hurd said.

Favorite Story

"Legend goes that she
ran a 10k on the track
without her shoes on.
Instead of stopping and
putting it back on, she
just kicked the other
one off and kept going.
Plus, I think she PR'd,"
Hurd said.

Lauterbach, a senior, has been
the first Pirate to cross the finish
line in each race this season. She
won the Whitworth Short Course
Meet in 11:48, 21 seconds ahead
of the next finisher.



SOCCER PREVIEW

Pirates, Loggers look to repeat

Peter Smelser
Editor-in-Chief

After two weekends of Northwest Conference action, soccer squads are beginning to separate and the favorites are emerging. On the women's side, University of Puget Sound is looking to continue their dominance over the past several seasons winning four straight conference titles and finishing as national runner-up in 2004. When looking at the men's side, Whitworth College is searching for their third straight title, but will see hard competition against Linfield College, who finished in second place last year, and University of Puget Sound. With over a month of soccer left, everything is far from over. Here are some faces and things to watch for:

Women:

Greta Thibodeau WHITWORTH

The junior forward is leading the team in scoring so far this year with four goals and two assists. While only one part of the Pirates offensive attack, Thibodeau has definitely stood out in 2006.

Breann Vanden Bos PACIFIC LUTHERAN

Vanden Bos is one of ten key returners for the Lutes. The senior defender is helping anchor a youthful back line, starting seven of eight games. Vanden Bos registered her only point on a free kick assist in a 1-0 Lute victory.

Jael Hagerott WHITWORTH

In 2003, Hagerott was the offensive conference player of the year. But 2005 was a different story as the junior midfielder missed most of the season with a knee injury. This year Hagerott is looking to get back into her old form. She should have a big role in any Pirate success this year.

Adrienne Folsom PUGET SOUND

With five goals and two assists to open the season, Folsom is establishing herself as the Loggers go-to scorer. The junior forward finished second on the team in total points a season ago with 24. She will be a top offensive force in the conference.

Karl Woody WILLAMETTE

Woody has been a brick wall for the Bearcats this season. The senior goalkeeper has shut out six opponents this year and has the undefeated Bearcats at the top of the conference table. Woody's 0.26 goals against average has Willamette pointed in the right direction for a title run.

Women's games to watch:



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October 1:
The Bucs had a big win against UPS a two years ago, can home field be magic again?



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October 24:
The Bearcats will look for the series sweep.



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October 14:
Should determine who will be the closest team chasing UPS.

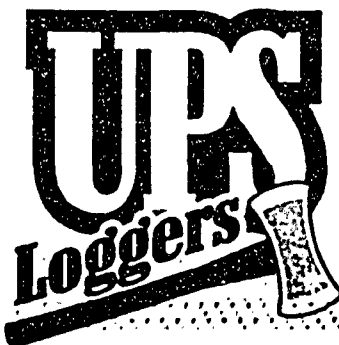


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October 1:
If the Bearcats are in the title picture, they cannot overlook a tough PLU squad.

Predicted Finish:



Puget Sound Loggers
Willamette Bearcats
WHITWORTH PIRATES
Whitman Missionaries
Pacific Lutheran Lutes
Lewis & Clark Pioneers
Linfield Wildcats
Pacific Boxers
George Fox Bruins



Whitworth forward Greta Thibodeau leads Whitworth in goals through the second week of NWC play. The results of the team could rest in part on her foot.



Men's games to watch:



at



October 1:
Will determine if UPS shapes the conference race.



at



October 14:
Could this turn into a battle for second place?



at



October 22:
Could be a must-win for the Wildcats on the road, looking down the stretch.



at



October 28:
If UPS is in the hunt, this could be a huge match. Whitworth has clinched at UPS the last two years.

Men:

Niko Varlamos WHITWORTH

The senior forward might leave at the end of the season as the Pirates all-time leading scorer. Varlamos has netted three goals so early in the season and will need to score more for the team to repeat their 2005 national finals appearance.

Kevin Bostock WHITWORTH

The senior goalkeeper is currently battling a undiagnosed hand injury, but has played through pain so far. Bostock should also leave Whitworth with his name in the record books. The fourth year starter has a 0.94 goals against average.

Byron Conforti PUGET SOUND

The senior forward has stood out as part of a balance UPS attack. Conforti is leading his team in all statistic categories including points with 11, with just five games reporting. For the Loggers to crack the top two in the conference, Conforti will need to consistently score.

Andrew Croft PACIFIC LUTHERAN

The sophomore goalkeeper has played at a higher level so far this season. Thus far Croft has two clean sheets and 0.42 goals against average. Croft must continue dominance in net for the Lutes to have any success.

Matt McDonough PACIFIC

The senior is splitting time at forward and midfield positions. McDonough sat out for a year, but came back to finish second in scoring during the Boxers 2005 campaign. He has already surpassed his point totals from last season as the upstart Boxers are off to a great start. McDonough scored the only goal in a 1-0 win over Whitworth last Sunday.

Predicted Finish:

WHITWORTH PIRATES
Linfield Wildcats
Puget Sound Loggers
Pacific Lutheran Lutes
Whitman Missionaries
Pacific Boxers
Willamette Bearcats
George Fox Bruins

Whitworth forward Niko Varlamos looks to end his career as Whitworth's all-time leading goal-scorer and lead the Pirates to three straight NWC titles.





Campus LIFE

TOP: A crowd of Whitworth fans cheer on the volleyball team during the match last Friday.

Justin Hancock & Whitworthian

MIDDLE LEFT: Students play Apples to Apples in the Stewart lounge last Saturday.

Thomas Robinson Whitworthian

ABOVE: Sophomore Bud Bareither enjoys music during his radio show which airs Thursdays from 3 to 5 p.m.

Thomas Robinson Whitworthian

FAR LEFT: Junior Stefan Robinson jumps between two rocks in downtown Spokane last Saturday.

Thomas Robinson Whitworthian

UPPER LEFT: Students give blood at the annual fall Whitworth blood drive on Sept. 19. Around 170 people donated blood.

Justin Hancock & Whitworthian

LOWER LEFT: Students hold up signs at the volleyball game last Friday. Whitworth fell 3-1 to Lewis & Clark.

Bryan Whitmore Whitworthian



Women's soccer wins, ties

Women's soccer defeats PLU 2-0,
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Blackface a part of history

Racially focused entertainment
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Pirates defeat NAIA power

Football won over Azusa Pacific 17-14 and improve to 4-0.

WORD FOR WORD

"This bill is as legally abusive of rights guaranteed in the Constitution as the actions at Abu Ghraib, Guantanamo and secret prisons that were physically abusive of detainees."

- Carl Levin
Senator
On the detainee bill

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Sexual calls target students

Leah Molz
Staff writer

Anonymous phone calls of a sexually explicit nature were received by around 20 female on-campus students over the past three weeks.

A recent article in the Spokesman-Review revealed that Spokane County sheriff's Detective Tim Hines had traced four of the blocked calls to an address on Spokane's West Point Road.

Computers, CDs, floppy disks, VHS tapes and other items were seized from the house last Wednesday according to the Spokesman article.

In the warrant, Hines identified a 67-year-old man as the resident of the house. The man

"I finally woke up and said to myself, 'This is weird.' I got scared. I got up and locked my door."

Caillin Richardson,
Freshman

was the telephone subscriber associated with the calls received by students.

Despite seized evidence, jail records indicate the man was not arrested, according to the Spokesman article.

In addition to other evidence, Hines was looking for illegal child pornography con-

sistent with claims made on phone calls to students.

School officials had not been able to trace the calls and decided to involve the sheriff's department.

"As soon as we got the first student report of a call we contacted the sheriff the next day," said director of college communications Greg Orwig. "They responded very quickly and aggressively."

Orwig said information regarding seizure of evidence was not provided to students in accordance with directions from the sheriff's office.

"We were following the sheriff's department instructions on what to communicate

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A LOOK ABROAD



Photos courtesy of David Hazleton

ABOVE LEFT: A Thai soldier salutes the photographer in Bangkok, the capital of Thailand, on Sept. 20. ABOVE RIGHT: Thai soldiers receive gifts from civilians in Bangkok on Sept. 20.

Whitworthians speak out on Thai coup

Tracey Brown
Staff writer

A bloodless military coup overthrew three elected Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra on Sept. 19.

Thaksin, one of the three wealthiest men in Thailand, is accused of widespread corruption, including the illegal acquisition of much of his wealth, which has multiplied five times in the five years he has been in power.

Charn Chotinantasaeth, who received his bachelor's degree from Whitworth, is a Thai who came to the United States for his higher education and is now living and working in Thailand. He said Thaksin used his power to award government contracts to his family and cronies.

"He used his money to buy everything including the judges in the constitution court and all the supposedly non-government organizations, including the last Election Commission," Chotinantasaeth said.

In Bangkok, the capital city, where most of the country's educated people live, Shinawatra's disapproval rat-

ing is at 80 percent.

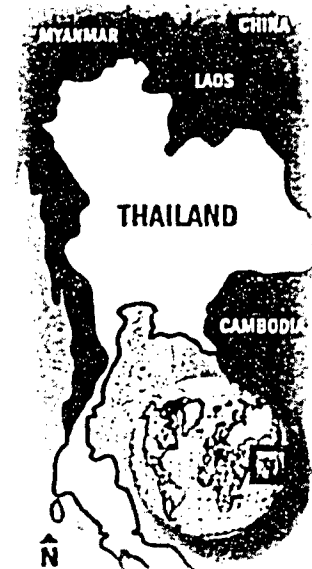
Kyle Usrey, dean of the School of Global Commerce & Management, said the coup was alarming for those people around the world who value democracy.

"It may signal other military groups in fledgling democracies like Indonesia and the Philippines to take matters in their own hands," Usrey said.

Chotinantasaeth said he realizes it seems strange to people in the West who see a coup as an illegitimate means to correct the situation, but he believes the people of Thailand think this coup has saved the country from further damages, putting it back on the right track.

An anti-graft committee began investigating the alleged corruption on Sept. 18. It is looking into the suspicion that the prime minister, whose family is one of the richest in Southeast Asia, acquired his wealth illegally. If found guilty, the committee will freeze or confiscate Shinawatra's assets.

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Three options available to bring cable

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Staff writer

Students might soon be able to enjoy cable TV in their dorm lounges. Whitworth is currently reviewing possible solutions and is willing to pay up to \$40,000 for it.

The first is to have Comcast to install basic cable-TV in the dorm lounges, said Ken Pecka, director of instructional resources. All dorms on campus are wired with coax-cables for TV.

"What isn't in place is the cable which gets the feed into every building," Pecka said.

Comcast would have to dig all over the campus, which could only be done in the summer when the students are not here, Pecka said.

The second option is Cisco, the hardware company whose equipment is used on campus. All the dorms are wired with fiber optic cables, Pecka said.

"Cisco has a new product which would allow TV to be transported over the existing network," Pecka said.

This technology is not

fully developed yet and there is no time-frame, either. Whitworth requested to become a testing site for the new product, Pecka said.

The third and most timely option would be to install satellite dishes for every dorm, Pecka said.

"Whitworth doesn't really prefer any solution at the moment," Pecka said.

Much will depend on the Cisco solution if it is too costly for the school, digging up the campus would be a better option after all, Pecka said.

The budget for this project lies between \$37,000 and \$40,000, said Dick Mandeville, associate dean of students. Whitworth will pay for the installation of the infrastructure.

Last year student government approved the idea of students covering the ongoing expenses, Mandeville said.

How much this will cost for the students is not certain yet, Mandeville said.

ASWC president senior Fa'ane Fanene supports the idea of cable TV on campus.

"While living on campus I have always wanted



Bryan Whitmore/Whitworthian

Students celebrate a touchdown by the Seattle Seahawks on the big screen TV last week in the Mind & Hearth.

to have cable to watch the news. We live at Whitworth and are unfamiliar with what is going on in the world," Fanene said.

She also thinks that students should vote on the issue, because everyone would be affected.

"If the majority of students think it's worth it, we should push for that," Fanene said.

How students really feel about the issue is difficult to tell, as opinions vary.

"It would be nice to have cable-TV in the lounges; A lot of people go to the coffee shop to watch sports games but now they only have one TV instead of two," junior Janae Brewster said.

Another question is what cable TV would do to the Whitworth community. Freshman Lucia Olmstead doesn't think it will ruin the community.

"People could have TV-parties instead," Olmstead

said.

Senior Clinton Lipscomb sees matters differently.

"I have friends off campus who have cable and their social life suffers to come extent—they consider watching TV a social activity," Lipscomb said.

Many students think it is a matter of time. Before I came here I hoped they had cable but now I don't really have time to watch TV," freshman Serina Goodrick said.

COUP: Alumnus says ousted prime minister's policies split country in two

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Chotinantasaeth said the ousted prime minister was so powerful and corrupt that he had split the country into two sides, with the educated middle and upper classes against him and the nation's poor and uneducated in support of him.

This split was apparent to Mary Alberts, the director of the Master in International Management program, who took a group of students to study in Thailand last January.

Alberts said the upper elite people she talked to, such as the leadership from the larger factories in Thailand, felt "restricted by government policies and taxation" and questioned the integrity of Shinawatra's leadership.

"Those who lived in poorer villages or 'tambons' were grateful to Thaksin who had implemented a program called One Tambon One Product," Alberts said.

Through O.T.O.P. the prime minister set up a micro economy in each village, giving money and leadership organization, to allow the rural community to make money from the product they produce.

One belief that a majority of Thais in all classes share is a sincere reverence to the monarchy.

Until the coup last week, Thailand had a constitutional monarchy. Under this system, the king is the head of state.

He has mostly moral authority, but in some cases, like his influence on the latest coup, he exercises some political power.

Usrey said the king of Thailand, who just celebrated his 60th year of rule, is the longest reigning monarch in the world.

The military generals who created the coup are widely seen as puppets of King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

The king's support for the overthrow is one reason most Thais are optimistic about the situation.

Alberts said the king is a calming force who helps to reassure the people.

Sophomore Anna Collins-Wakeman lived in Thailand for 14 years before she came to Whitworth.

"The whole nation respects the king because for years, he has had the people's best interests at heart," Collins-Wakeman said.

Collins-Wakeman remembers going to movie theaters in Thailand, where before each showing, a "king song" is played in tribute to the monarch.

"People on the screen are shown bowing to the king and everyone in the theater stands up out of respect," Collins-Wakeman said.

Similar tribute is being paid to the soldiers who took part in the coup. Chotinantasaeth said people are bringing flowers, food, fruit and water to the soldiers. Children climbed up on the tanks and took pictures with the military members.

"There is no tense feeling about the coup, but rather a feeling of liberation from authoritarian rule hiding behind the mask of democracy," Chotinantasaeth said.

Chotinantasaeth said the people of Thailand are optimistic the next election will not be rigged and there will be a true democracy.

Usrey echoed this hopeful view for the future of Thai democracy.

"If I were to predict, I would say they will have free elections, a normal ruling government and democracy again very soon," Usrey said.

Thailand's new temporary constitution will be presented to the king this weekend.

A draft of the document, which was obtained and printed by Bangkok media, has received criticism from legal experts. The text allows the military junta, who wrote the constitution, to intervene with government and to remove the prime minister.

Whitworth Speaks OUT

Do you think cable TV takes away from community?

"TV would help people to be informed about what's happening in the world. It would draw people together to watch sports."

Trevor Engebertson
Freshman



"No, people like to watch TV. It will bring people together."

Alex Bustamante
Freshman



"I think it definitely takes away from the community. There's really nothing worth while you can get from TV."

Jeanine Douglass
Senior



Isaac Dye
Sophomore

"No, because there are millions of kids surfing the web, so what's the difference between that and watching TV?"

— Compiled by De Andra Kenoly

AEDs largely inaccessible

One new defibrillator will be available 24/7 within the next week

Rosa Gibbons
Staff writer

An AED will soon be available around the clock, Jan Murray, health center director, said. Previously, there were only two on campus which were largely inaccessible.

According to the PBS medical glossary, an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is "a small, portable device, attached to a person's chest with wires, that checks the person's heart rhythm, decides if that rhythm is 'off,' and gives the heart an electric shock (called a defibrillating shock) that restores the correct, natural rhythm."

It is the only device that can resuscitate someone who has suffered sudden cardiac arrest.

In recent years AEDs have become prevalent on college campuses throughout the nation. Though they cannot guarantee revival, they have saved the lives of many people who have experienced sudden cardiac arrest.

One of Whitworth's AEDs is kept in the Health Center in Hendrix Hall and the other in the Scotford Fitness Center. The health center is only open weekdays no later than 5:30 p.m. The Fitness Center is open for more extended hours Monday through Saturday.

The new AED will be kept in a security vehicle, available 24/7. Security is being trained to use the device.

Until this point, those on campus who were trained to use an AED were athletic trainers and instructors, those who work in the Fitness and Health Centers, the lead medic and anyone who takes the first responders class.

In the event that an AED is needed when either place is closed, the athletic trainers have keys to the Scotford Fitness Center and the lead medic has keys to the Health Center.

It is likely an ambulance would have arrived by the time an AED could be retrieved.

In order for an AED to resuscitate a victim, it must be used within minutes of cardiac arrest. Medtronic estimates that survival rates fall 7 to 10 percent with every minute that passes after sudden cardiac arrest, saying that the "best results for survival occur within the first three minutes" and that after ten minutes, "survival rates average less than 2 percent."

In many cases, by the time an ambulance arrives it is simply too late for the victim to be revived.

With this knowledge, AEDs have become more and more common in public places, including

airports, hotels, businesses and universities. According to their Web site, Gonzaga University has a total of 21 AEDs on campus.

Whitworth is only now getting its third AED. Murray says she believes Whitworth is adequately equipped, citing the fact that most of the population is young and healthy.

In addition, since purchasing the first two AEDs six years ago there has not been a need to use either.

There are currently no state or national requirements regarding the number of AEDs available in public places. Still, the devices are becoming increasingly widespread.

With AEDs "becoming an expected standard," according to Medtronic, the possibility of a lawsuit should inaccessibility cause a death that may have otherwise been prevented becomes more and more likely.

World BRIEFS

Bush, house reach agreement on detainee bill

President Bush and republican congressmen reached an agreement on Sept. 21 regarding the treatment of terror suspects. The President agreed to drop efforts to redefine the responsibilities outlined in the Geneva Convention, and Congress in turn agreed to allow the Bush administration to continue a number of secret CIA operations.

The redefinition describes grave breaches that would not be allowed such as torture and other forms of assault and mental stress. It does not lay out specific interrogation techniques that would be prohibited.

United Nations troops will not replace AU

U.N. peacekeepers will most likely not replace African Union troops anytime soon, the head of the United Nations in Sudan said last Thursday. This comment was in the face of a U.N. resolution passed on Sept. 20 that made provisions for a peacekeeping force to replace AU troops who have been largely ineffective in the face of the violence in Darfur.

The Sudanese president strongly opposes the U.N. resolution. The resolution cannot legally send troops to Sudan without the president's consent.

Israel withdrawl ends war with Hezbollah fighters

Israel withdrew all remaining troops from Lebanon last Sunday under a U.N. resolution to end the war. Israel sent 10,000 troops into southern Lebanon before a truce took hold on Aug. 14. Since then, the number of foreign peacekeepers in the region has reached 5,000. During the 34 days of fighting, 157 Israelis, mostly soldiers were killed. Estimates of the Lebanese death toll, which involved mostly civilians, vary widely, from 850 to 1,200.

University test standards may be reevaluated

Education Secretary Margaret Spellings promised to take initiative to reevaluate and change current testing standards last week. Spellings vowed to give aid to Universities that administer standardized tests, and to create a database that tracks education statistics on each student.

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Speaker calls for aid to Colombian farmers

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Colombian native Freddy Urbano spoke about growing coffee in Colombia to replace the illicit coca plant there last week in the Robinson Teaching Theatre.

"The farmers we are working with do not want to be a part of coca production," Urbano said.

Urbano described the hazards involved with producing the coca plant.

"It is very harmful to our communities, not just because of the production that happens and the environmental dangers, but the different risks that it brings to our communities [is dangerous as well]," Urbano said.

Urbano described how the government has taken the fumigation of illicit coca crops to extremes. They are spraying the coca crops so much, that it is killing off the coffee crops.

"This has affected the confidence and the hope that the families have about their projects," Urbano said.

Urbano encouraged students, faculty and community members to talk with congressmen in order to resolve the difficulties that the Colombian people face in growing illicit crops.

"Buying products that are fair trade will help the families in Colombia," Urbano said.

Urbano noted that the United States and Colombia share a strong economic relationship.

"The United States is one of the greatest donors to Colombia in the fight against different conflicts that we have," Urbano said.

Urbano noted that it is important the United States continue this support.

Urbano also rose awareness of an organization called Corsuca. The organization was formed as a result of the efforts of peasant, indigenous and Afro-Colombian groups in March 1993.

Growing coffee in the region is not always an easy task.

"The organization works in a region that has a very difficult 'public order,' for security situations," Urbano said.

The aid that Corsuca receives from the United States is only a small part that is integral to the success of the organization, Urbano said. The dedication of the native families growing the coffee constitutes the rest of the success.

"We have been able to invest money to improve our overall production," Urbano said.

With this money, the farming capabilities have been greatly improved. The introduction of organic agriculture has made [Corsuca] very proud of our environmental achievements.

"I also enjoyed how they mainly focused on one issue as opposed to throwing too much at us," sophomore Melissa Stratton said.

The Spanish-speaking Urbano spoke to the audience through a translator.



Speaker Freddy Urbano spoke on the difficulties Colombians face from the growth of illicit coca crops.

"He did a very good job of putting it forth to us in a way that we can understand and even through the translator it wasn't too wordy," sophomore Alex Smith said.



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Campus BRIEFS

Small fire put out in Back 40 last Saturday

The Spokane fire department received a call reporting a fire in the Back 40 just before 8 a.m. last Saturday.

Firefighters responded to the call and promptly put out the small fire, which had only spread about 10 feet.

Witnesses said a vehicle drove onto Whitworth property through an open gate and tried to turn around when it reached another locked gate.

When trying to turn around, the vehicle became stuck on the hillside, igniting a small fire.

No trees were damaged. The fire did not spread because the morning dew had made the ground moist.

Program could allow students to dine with profs

The "Dine with a Mind" program could soon be implemented on campus.

The program allows students to sign out a Sodexo meal voucher for a faculty member. It is designed to foster deeper relationships between students and professors that are not inhibited by a financial burden from the meal.

Other institutions have seen large success with the program.

Lacrosse club requests \$715 for two goals

The Whitworth Lacrosse club requested capital funds from ASWC last Wednesday. The club asked for \$715 to purchase two goals to jumpstart the new club, open to male and female players.

Representatives of the club stated that the goals would enable students interested in the sport to participate without prior experience.

The request was tabled until the club could provide information as to where the goals would be stored and what field the club would play on.

ASWC approves club supporting GOP candidate

A temporary club supporting republican senatorial candidate Mike McGavick was approved last Wednesday by ASWC. They will exist separately from the College Republicans club.

The club plans to dissolve after the November elections. No funds were requested.

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Sophomore Anders Erickson plays a video game in his room in Stewart last week. Anders said he plays around 50 hours of video games per week.

Students admit to gaming addiction

Tim Takechi
Staff writer

Nothing builds strong, lasting relationships like maiming your roommate with an S&W Sniper Rifle and being rewarded points for every cold-blooded kill recorded.

At a recent faculty meeting, Whitworth professors were told to be "watchful" of video game playing on campus and how excessive playing could affect student's social and academic lives.

In 2005, U.S. consumers spent approximately \$1.4 billion on personal computer games, according to a study by NPD Group, a global provider of information on retail market research.

A report from Microsoft estimates the sale of about 24 million Xbox units as of summer 2006. Ahead of Xbox is PlayStation 2, which sold its 100 millionth unit in December 2005, according to a report by PC World.

Alan Mikkelsen, professor of communications studies, said that playing video games in itself is not a danger to building strong fellowship with other students.

"I don't think it's fair to say that playing video games never builds community. I think it's really an issue of degree," Mikkelsen said. "For example, if you're talking about playing video games by yourself, you're not really building any community."

Mikkelsen, a 2000 Whitworth graduate, remembers that many students played games like "Half-Life: Counterstrike" online until

*"If I have to stop playing,
I will. If I have to go to class,
I'd go to class."*

Anders Erickson,
sophomore

the early hours of the morning.

Mikkelsen said that video games get an unfair reputation, but warns that playing can become addicting and could possibly hurt building interpersonal relationships.

"I think it's unfair to say that video games are bad and they never build community. I will say that they don't build as much community as some other activities," Mikkelsen said.

Sophomore Anders Erickson admits to being addicted to video games. He estimates playing up to 50 hours per week playing some of his favorite games like "Halo," "Halo 2," "Lego Star Wars" and "Mercenaries."

Anders said that his addiction to video games is not unhealthy and he knows the fine line between having fun and being a student.

"If I have to stop playing, I will. If I have to go to class, I'd go to class," Erickson said.

Erickson's roommate, sophomore Nathan Orwiler, also plays video games, but not nearly as much as Erickson.

"I play video games fairly regularly, about

every day for about an hour. It's the last thing I usually do," Orwiler said.

Orwiler said he prefers to spend his time either playing the guitar or hanging out and talking with friends.

Erickson and Orwiler's third roommate, sophomore John Guthridge, estimates he plays anywhere from zero to ten hours of video games per week. His take on the effects of video games on campus life is two-fold.

"Video games you play by yourself would affect community negatively, but multiplayer builds community," Guthridge said.

Popular games such as "Halo" and " Madden 07" allow for numerous gamers to play at the same time, either with or against each other.

Junior Dustin Smith, a small group leader, observes that video game usage in Arend is better this year than last year.

Most students played role-playing games online, which became a social issue for about a tenth of the students, Smith said.

Smith said that while multiplayer games can help build strong community among hallmates, video games should not be the sole group activity.

"Relationships are built upon time and close relations. If you're drawn to video games, you spend only about half your time building relationships with other people," Smith said.

Complete strangers can use video games as a way to get to know people, which can lead to deeper friendships, Smith said.

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so as not to disrupt the investigation," Orwig said. "If there's more to share in the days ahead I'm sure we will."

Freshman and Ballard resident Caitlin Richardson was among the students who received calls. She hung up before the call became sexual in nature but was troubled by the 4 a.m. wake-up.

"I was in bed and the next thing I remember I was answering the phone," Richardson said. "I finally woke up and said to myself, 'This is weird.' I got scared. I got up and locked my door."

Richardson said some of the calls received by students were

so bad they did not want to talk about it. For her, the most disturbing part of the call was the uneasiness it brought.

"You don't know where they were and where it came from," Richardson said.

Students were officially notified of the calls in a campus-wide email distributed Friday, Sept. 22. Vice president for student life Kathy Storm warned students to screen calls.

"Do not answer phone calls that are identified as 'Unknown number from external call,'" Storm said in the e-mail.

Sophomore Lacey Offutt listened to an explicit voicemail received by a friend. She described the male voice as low and raspy.

"It doesn't really sound like

a normal voice used in everyday conversation," Offutt said. "They're very explicit and offensive and very, very sexual in nature."

Calls continued through last Wednesday morning. Since evidence was seized last Wednesday afternoon, no calls have been reported, Orwig said.

Recent concerns regarding campus security have affected students. Residence Halls have remained locked for the past two weeks following events that concerned administrators and security.

"The initial security concern came with the break-ins," Storm said. "Subsequently, we also had harassing phone calls which heightened our desire to make sure residence halls were secure."

Storm said there has not been a decision about when to unlock the dorms but that it is a topic of continual conversation.

Orwig does not believe the calls occurred as a result of access to the password-protected campus directory.

"We've checked our system and there's nothing obvious — no obvious breaches or kinks in the system that allowed this to happen," Orwig said.

Orwig apologized to students who received calls over the past weeks.

"I can speak for everyone at the college that we feel really sorry for the students who were victimized by this caller and nobody should be subjected to what that person did," Orwig said.

Candidates focus on security issues



Freshman Lindsay Johnston places two-ply toilet paper in BJ bathrooms to campaign for senator last week. Tyler Hamilton/Whitworthian

Students will vote in general election this Wednesday

Rebecca Snape
Staff writer

This year's ASWC candidates are campaigning with more than freshly-baked sweets. Many are developing programs to make their dorms safer and their residents happier.

If elected as a Warren Hall representative, freshman Tyler De Zeeuw plans to help junior and senator Caroline Davis with her responsibilities to enable her to spend more time with residents and to improve the communication flow between residents and ASWC.

Freshman La Shawnta Ervin, also a Warren representative candidate, seeks to bridge the gap between freshmen and upperclassmen.

"I believe that same special connection between the freshmen can be made between all the classes within Warren and the rest of the Whitworth community," Ervin said.

She suggested off-campus trips as well as in-dorm activities, such as "Grey's Anatomy" marathons.

Freshman Lindsay Johnston, a Baldwin-Jenkins/Akili senatorial candidate, hopes to foster intra-dorm relationships by hosting dance parties and poker nights.

"I would really like to focus on building

friendships through these sorts of activities," Johnston said.

In light of the string of crimes on campus, candidates from all dorms are considering ways to improve security.

Freshman Candace Pontoni, a Duvall Hall representative candidate, plans to start a "Resident Watch" program if she is elected.

"[The program] will encourage Duvall residents to be on the lookout for people who don't appear to belong in the dorm and to always lock their doors," Pontoni said.

Junior Shannon Newth is also running for Duvall representative.

"Something I would do as a representative is to make sure the residents are more informed

about the issues of campus security and why security is taking or not taking certain actions," Newth said.

Johnston emphasized the importance of safety awareness for the Baldwin-Jenkins/Akili community.

Residents must recognize that walking alone at night can be unsafe, even at Whitworth, Johnston said.

Johnston and freshman Jessica Butelo are running for Baldwin-Jenkins/Akili senator and freshman Nicole Howell and Corey Newman are running for Baldwin-Jenkins/Akili representative.

The candidates for Duvall representative are Newth, Pontoni and freshman Kayla Maddy.

The candidates for Warren representative are De Zeeuw, Ervin, sophomore Kyle Brooksher, and freshmen Chelsea Dasso and Jaquette East-erlin.

All candidates were contacted for an interview, but not all responded in time.

ASWC ELECTIONS

Student-written business plans help produce real world solutions

Jessica Kauhi
Staff writer

Students created a business plan for producing inexpensive, light weight emergency housing for the homeless, for people misplaced by natural disasters and wars and for those in third-world countries who are too poor to have adequate shelter.

Last spring money from the Herbert B. Jones grant funded an inter-collegiate business plan competition at Gonzaga University. Teams from Gonzaga University, Eastern Washington University and Washington State University competed in three different categories.

Senior Amber Matthai entered the social enterprise category with four other team members including Pierre Boyer, the owner of the company they were working with.

"This is heavy stuff since we are nowhere near the size nor have the same resources as Gonzaga, Washington State University and Eastern Washington University; yet we have competed very well against them garnering as many awards as any," Kyle Usrey, dean of the school of Global Commerce and Management, said. "I think this is a good external indicator of how good our business students are and how good the School of Global Commerce and Management is becoming."

Whitworth tied for first with Gonzaga University overall in placing and in total winners and brought

"Entrepreneurship harnesses the business skills of students and others to help resolve problems."

Kyle Usrey,
dean of the School of Global Commerce and Management

home prize money in the amounts of \$7500, \$3500 and \$2500. Matthai's team came in third place for their category and split a monetary prize of \$1500.

"The money was definitely well earned. It was not easy at all," Matthai said. "I had no Spring Break and ended up pulling three all nighters. But it is a great supplement to my resume."

The business school received a grant for two years from the Herbert B. Jones Foundation. The grant is one of three that Whitworth has received so far from the foundation.

The focus of this particular grant is entrepreneurship for the underprivileged and underserved groups, neighbors and disadvantaged youth in Spokane and throughout the world.

"Entrepreneurship harnesses the business skills of students and others to help resolve problems and provide opportunities in the marketplace by encouraging smart risk-taking," Usrey said.

This grant money brings important speakers to Whitworth such as

the founder of Opportunity International David Bussau and community entrepreneur Dr. Bob Lupton.

It also allows the students to shadow and intern at businesses in the region to learn how they work and how executives operate. It also allows a senior student to team up with a working, underprivileged business in Spokane and come up with business plans and help prepare for capitol, Usrey said.

"We are doing everything Whitworth's mission says, but particularly serving humanity by reaching out to people who haven't had the kind of opportunity that you and I have had," Usrey said.

This program reaches out to Whitworth's international students as well, Paul North, assistant director of marketing of the SGCM said.

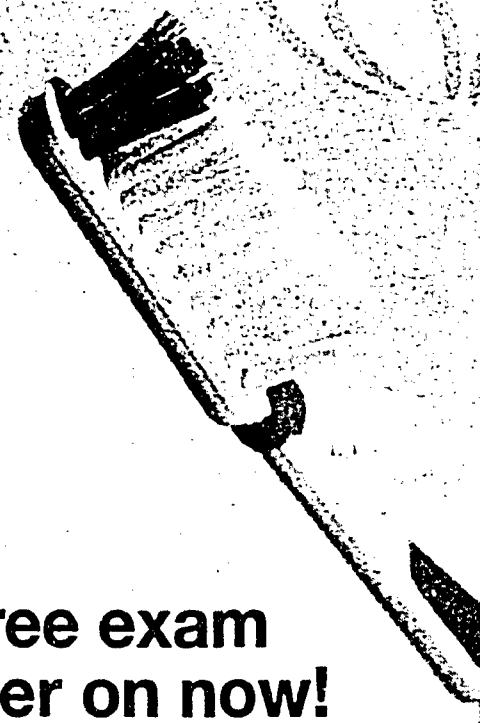
"The good thing about [the program] is that it has generated interest among the students to help the underserved and underprivileged, something that has become, not surprisingly, a focal point for our students at Whitworth," North said.

Herbert B. Jones, now deceased, was a man from Seattle who believed that small businesses are the backbone to society.

The School of Global Commerce and Management is currently working on developing more international entrepreneurship opportunities.

"There are amazing developments on the horizon and readers should stay tuned for what's on that horizon," Usrey said.

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IN THE LOOP

An editorial

Students need info when their safety is in question

Whitworth administrators neglected student safety by not adequately informing them of the security threat to campus over the past two weeks. By not informing students of the reasons behind the locked dorms, residents side-stepped security measures by propping main dorm doors open and letting anyone into their halls.

Instead of creating a watchful community amongst the student body, administrators lulled students into a false sense of security. The real threat was an unidentified male caller, not only petty thieves as many students believed.

As many as 20 female students have been contacted by the caller since Sept. 8. He left a number of sexually explicit messages and talked to other female students directly. There is an ongoing investigation by the Spokane County Police Department. The police have traced the calls to private residence in Spokane, but have yet to make an arrest.

Next time, administrators should respect our security by informing students of all the facts and reasons behind campus policy changes. Raising awareness of tough issues does not endanger community.

There is talk in dorms about revitalizing safe walks for students at night. We encourage leadership to follow through on this initiative. Even without an imminent threat, the Whitworth community needs to understand that although we live in a trusting Christian environment, crime exists within our community and in the greater Spokane area. We need to wake-up and realize that we are not alone. If this campus does not look out for one another, there are people that will infringe on our trust.

"In the Loop," written by the editorial board, represents the editorial voice of The Whitworthian.



Air security seems useless



NATHAN HARRISON
Writer

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) relaxed restrictions on carry-on items for travelers at U.S. airports yet again last week, drawing attention once more to the overly cautious safety measures that have been in place on both sides of the Atlantic for the last two months.

According to the new privileges detailed on the TSA's Web site, travelers may now carry up to three ounces of liquid through security checkpoints, provided that everything fits inside a clear, one-quart, zip-top plastic bag.

In the TSA's exceeding grace, after clearing security, travelers can also bring "beverages and other items purchased in the secure boarding area" onto their flights, the TSA said.

Ever since the successful break-up of a terrorist cell by British police last August, passengers have had to endure irrational restrictions that have only been lifted in bits and pieces. Immediate prohibitions were made against all liquids — an entire state of matter — in response to a nebulous fear of "liquid explosives" reportedly at the heart of the British terror plot.

From the moment they were proposed, the baggage restrictions have been poorly implemented. Early on, diabetic travelers were forbidden from bringing insulin onboard flights, a circumstance that is now one of the few

exceptions to Britain's continuing no-liquids policy.

Most striking are reports of airport security officers dumping out liquids into huge garbage cans as dozens of passengers stood close by. What if one of those "liquid explosive" spectres actually manifested? Mixing it together with who-knows-what other chemical compounds is the very antithesis of safety and security.

The changes were well-intentioned at the outset, but considering that traditional police work delivered the original breakthrough, can the security increases on carry-on items that persist really have any positive effect as limits are relaxed?

What the response reflects is a general refusal to accept a fact: Terrorism is impossible to stop.

In a free society, terrorism, like murder, is sadly one of the ends that same freedom can be used to perpetrate. As the safeguards against such destruction now exist, they can't be everywhere, and if we alter them so they can and are, we lose part of what we are trying to protect.

Equally worthy of dissection is the Homeland Security Advisory System, the marvelously functional color-coded terror-alert chart that currently stands at a friendly yellow.

As a tool, its only real function is to amplify the fears of the public at large. Similar color-coded systems for risks, such as fire, work because they are tangible threat indicators and there are easy behavioral changes people can make to minimize their risk. It's warm and humid: go ahead, but use normal caution. It's hot and dry: maybe pass

on the fire for now.

Coming up with similar analogies of stimulus-response for the threat of terrorism is hard. That makes sense, because from a purely grammatical perspective, "fire" is a "person, place or thing," while "terrorism" falls squarely into the far less material realm of "idea" on the noun-continuum. What possible analogies can there be when dealing with an idea? Even if the threat is tangible, appropriate recourse for the average citizen is uncertain.

In the odds game, terrorism ranks somewhere in the hazy middle between "car crash" and "lightning strike," and it truly is a shame government attention does not reflect that. There are hundreds of more likely scenarios for United States citizens to be killed — falls, drunk driving, even dying at the hands of their own police force.

As hazards go, the most dangerous is one completely ignored by the recent changes in airport security. Supposedly one in four Americans is obese — a quick glance in any United States airport would be enough to confirm it.

That means our nation alone has an at-risk population of 75 million, all more likely to die young from health complications than any airline passenger.

The Big Mac with cheese — now a permitted carry-on item when purchased in an airport food court — poses a far greater risk to the passenger who eats it than the machinations of any terrorist group.

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Vietnam memories prove blind patriotism wrong



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Writer

How does a peacenik honor soldiers who have died in combat?

I wrestled with this question while staring at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial last weekend, where the names of

those who died or went missing in the Vietnam War are etched in a granite wall.

Looking at the wall, sadness eclipsed any ethical debates about war going on in my head.

My own reflection stared back at me and held me responsible for healing the wounds of loss engraved into that granite.

"Take what they have taught you with their dying and keep it with your own," says a poem written by Major Michael Davis O'Donnell, who was killed in the Vietnam War.

"Blind patriotism," as I like to call the Al Green-style devotion to all things red, white and blue does not honor those who have died in combat. O'Donnell's words challenge us not to merely mourn the loss of lives like his own but to learn from it.

The names on the wall represent soldiers, but also parents, spouses, daughters and sons. We cannot take the loss of lives lightly, lives lost in the name of our nation.

The government that commands our soldiers to fight acts on our behalf. It is our duty to hold that government accountable for such a grave decision and demand change if we see injustice done in the name of our country.

An attitude that upholds all things military as heroic and righteous is dangerous to the integrity of our country. Our government and military consist of people who, no matter how good their intentions may be, are capable of making wrong decisions. As long as we put them on a pedestal, they are not accountable to us for the actions they take.

You may think I sound a little unpatriotic, but I am defending the foundational values of our country. We may as well replace our democracy with a dictatorship if we do not challenge the actions of people we honor and respect.

Imagine a World War II Germany in which the citizens refused to comply with the immoral demands of their leader. Picture a concentration camp in which the soldiers refused to participate in acts they could not reconcile with their own conscience. Standing up for justice against the will of authorities is not highly valued by any militaristic regime but ought to be in the Land of the Free.

As citizens and taxpayers who put our leaders in place and fund our country's military endeavors, we should analyze and criticize the military's actions.

We have the power and obligation to challenge military forces to maintain personal integrity and act justly. Unquestioningly handing over decision-making power dishonors the people who have died for something they believe in — a democratic nation.

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In an age of conflict ...

War breeds a new wave of terrorists



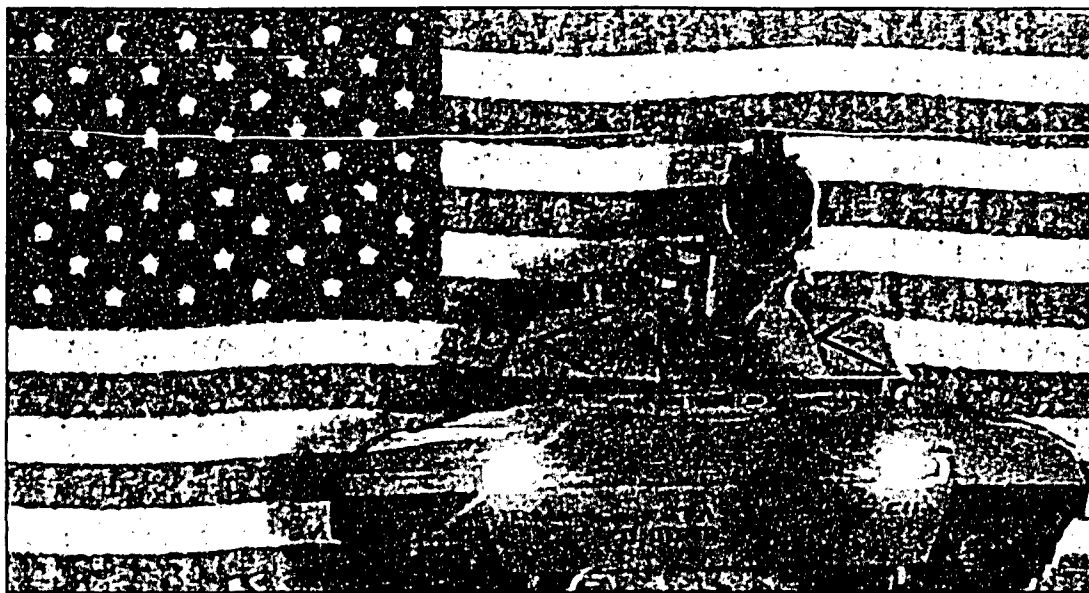
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Writer

Selective portions of the National Intelligence Estimate were released on Tuesday, Sept. 26. This collective view of all 16 of the United States intelligence agencies was approved by director of national intelligence John Negroponte. The headline of the Seattle Post Intelligencer read "U.S. increases threat of terrorism" and The New York Times published an article named "Report Stirs Debate on Terror Fight."

I have waited for the American public to hear what I have thought for years: The war in Iraq is making terrorism worse.

The intelligence estimate, titled "Trends in Global Terrorism: Implications for the United States," asserts that the Iraq conflict is creating and shaping a new generation of terrorist leaders and soldiers. It says that this militant faction of Islam, although small, is in increasing in number and geographic location and that these groups see Europe as an opportune target. The intelligence report states that the conflict in Iraq has led to deep resentment among Muslims who see it as interference in their world and that a jihadist victory in Iraq would encourage them to continue campaigns in other countries, BBC News reported.

These statements are in deep contradiction to what the White House has said since the beginning of the war and recently in response to calls for a withdrawal of troops. President George W. Bush has claimed



As the war on terror rages in the Middle East, more questions than answers are coming out of information provided to the public by the government.

for a while now that the U.S. is currently on its way to success in the war on terrorism. "It's naïve to think that the Iraq war was a mistake," Bush said.

After almost four years of fighting, 2,700 deaths of American troops and the persistence of rampant violence, the United States has seen little progress in Iraq. President Bush has lashed out at those who have criticized the war in Iraq in response to the report.

"This argument buys into the enemy's propaganda that the terrorists attack us because we're provoking them," Bush said. It's hard to believe that terrorists would waste time attacking a country that has done nothing wrong.

Bush proceeded to elaborate on the terrorism policy of the United States that he has created: "You do not create terrorism by fighting terrorism. If that ever becomes the mind set of the policy makers in Washington, it means we'll go back to the old days of waiting to be

attacked and then respond. Our most important duty is to protect the American people from a future attack, and the way to do so is to stay on the offense against the terrorists."

It is no wonder that Muslims see the invasion of Iraq as a threat to their world. Given that the militant faction is very small, the great majority of Muslims would take no violent or terrorist action in response to such a feeling. If global terrorism is growing because of the United States presence in Iraq, then Bush cannot say that he is successfully fighting the war on terrorism.

Furthermore, the majority of Iraqis do not want us in their country. In a poll released on Sept. 28 by ABC News, a reported six of 10 Iraqis approve of attacks on U.S.-led forces and nearly eight of 10 say that the United States is provoking more violence than it is preventing. Thirty-seven percent of Iraqis want a withdrawal of U.S. troops within six months,

while an addition 34 percent want troops to withdrawal within a year.

While promoting his new book on CBS's "60 Minutes," Bob Woodward said, "The truth is that the assessment by intelligence experts is that next year, 2007, is going to get worse and, in public, you have the president and you have the Pentagon saying, 'Oh, no, things are going to get better.'"

The release of this report is vital to the lives of Americans. We, the people, are the ones who are being represented by President Bush and in Iraq. We are the ones paying for all the weapons and fuel and salaries of the soldiers. Since Bush is so out of sync with our National Intelligence Agencies, that fact alone should provoke some real thought when we vote on what to do in Iraq.

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WHATif...

LOOKING AT THE
WORLD FROM A
NEW PERSPECTIVE

The U.S. makes a full withdrawal from Iraq

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Following the beginning of the Iraq War in 2003 there have been persistent questions hounding the Bush administration regarding when American troops will leave Iraq. The reasoning behind this question centers around the demise of Saddam Hussein's regime, the persistent casualties sustained by American forces and the unpopularity of the war among segments of the American population. What if the United States packed up and left Iraq tomorrow?

One of the earliest effects of an Iraq departure would be a massive retaliation by groups such as al Sadr's militia against those in Iraq who had worked for a better future by cooperating with the American presence.

This violence would take a strong toll on the elected Iraqi government and a collapse would be likely as elections became impossible and local warlords began to operate with impunity. International investments would depart in a flood as security breaks down and Iraq's future becomes dark. Non-existent government authority would be unable to prevent a Shiite-Sunni civil war.

Iraq's neighbors would ensure that the departure of American troops would be exploited and Iran would become more arrogant and unchecked in their goal of dominating the Middle East. Israel would become more vulnerable to their opportunistic neighbors at this sign of weakness, and the Israeli government would likely see themselves as standing alone against the tide of fundamentalist ambitions. America's energy future would become hazy as petroleum resources fall into the hands of those hostile to the United States.

An occasionally overlooked part of Iraq is the Kurdish controlled northern provinces. The Kurds are often seen as separate from the rest of Iraqi society and this has largely shielded them from the ongoing violence. The Kurds have cooperated with the U.S. presence and enjoyed the benefits of new economic development and relative peace. The withdrawal of American troops would have terrible consequences for the Kurdish people who have trusted the United States. If it became impossible for development to occur with the rest of Iraq in turmoil, the Kurds may attempt independence. If the Kurds were to attempt independence from Iraq, they would likely face persecution from their neighbor, Turkey, based on the long-standing Turkish opposition to the Kurdish people.

The departure of American troops from Iraq would be seen by terrorist groups such as al Qaeda as proof that their homicidal tactics were fruitful. This would be similar to how the Spanish elections of 2004 were determined by a series of train bombings that frightened voters into electing a government that would withdraw Spanish troops from Iraq. Terror groups across the world would study the tactics of the "Heroes of Iraq" and know that by killing enough Americans they could achieve their sadistic goals.

The United States has the resources, both human and financial, to continue our progress in Iraq until it becomes a stable land. Withdrawing now is an option that would only aid those who seek to harm the United States.

"What if..." is a column written by a series of staff writers. Opinions in this column do not reflect those of The Whitworthian.

Torture puts American morality to test

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Writer



From July 2003 to the present, the United States has been holding suspected terrorists at the Guantanamo Bay Navy base in Cuba. These suspects were apprehended and imprisoned without a trial and many remain imprisoned. Since then there have been reports of alleged torture in Guantanamo Bay. These claims of torture have led many to question what the standards of treatment should be for terrorists. The Bush administration recently initiated a bill that softened some of the detainee's rights, but the bill was contested by three GOP senators who claimed that the bill was in violation of the Geneva Convention.

President Bush and the GOP senators finally compromised on the issue of the treatment of terrorists during CIA interrogations last week. The decision: no torture. The terrorists being questioned are to

be treated with dignity and basic fairness. They are not to be privy to any classified information in the case against them. Now that these guidelines are established, it appears that the confrontation between the Bush administration and the rogue GOP senators has finally been smoothed out and everyone involved satisfied with the results. The recently-announced compromise favors both Bush and the GOP senators because it leaves the Geneva Convention in place and also allows an important CIA interrogation program to be initiated.

The entire issue seems to be a moot point. Why is there any discussion at all about whether or not to torture prisoners? Does this not go against the principles of basic human rights? The fact that there was a question of weakening the rights of suspected terrorists is intriguing. The third Geneva Convention states quite clearly

in article 17 that "No physical or mental torture, nor any other form of coercion, may be inflicted on prisoners of war to secure from them information of any kind whatever. Prisoners of war who refuse to answer may not be threatened, insulted or exposed to unpleasant or disadvantageous

treatment of any kind." This appears to be quite clear, except that there is a question of whether the suspected terrorists are prisoners of war or not.

According to the letter of the law of the Geneva Convention, a prisoner of war must have direct ties to a recognized government. Since members of al Qaeda do not belong to a recognized government, they do not fall into the category of prisoners of war. Rather, they are labeled "unlawful combatants" who do not qualify for the same standards of treatment that prisoners of war do. In this spirit, many atrocities have been committed against suspected terrorists.

How repulsive that Americans could stoop to this level! In allowing the need for revenge to prevail over the democratic love for justice, those responsible for the torture and mistreatment of detainees have brought themselves to the same reprehensible level as those they demean. If Americans are able to compromise their morals on a technicality, perhaps it is time to step back and ponder: What does America as a nation stand for? If the answer is not a clear and resounding pledge to justice and freedom, then it has regressed far from the noble sentiments upon which it was founded.

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HUMOR COLUMN

One man's art is another man's 1970s wallpaper

Daniel Walters
Staff Writer

"... lacks a single stroke of aesthetic, has the palette choice of a drunk Helen Keller and is so utterly pointless that chugging all the LSD of a Pink Floyd concert couldn't help you find a scrap of semblance of a wisp of meaning!"

The artist stands stoically silent as his peers eviscerate his latest work.

Another critic steps forward, "It says to me: 'An elephant seal vomited up horse manure onto a potato sack.'"

Finally, the artist pipes up, "Well, actually, it was a sea lion, not an elephant seal..."

"IT MAKES ME WANT TO KILL MY DOG!" a rather enthusiastic voice from the back bellows.

"Ah..." A twinkle twinkles in the artist's eye. "I meant to do that. It's supposed to look crappy."

"Ooooooh..." all the critics say.

"He's melded together artsy and fartsy into a delicious postminimalist cocktail of Dada!"

"He's a brave revolutionary leading an aesthetic mutiny against the vanguard of the artistic imperio-or-thodoxy!"

"He's some kind of magical genius-man!"

"MAKE HIM KING OF ALL OF ENGLAND!" the voice bellows from the back.

This scene, based on actual thoughts in my head, is endemic of all that is wrong with the Art World. "Art is about inciting passionate emotions in people's soul!" WRONG! That's what humor columns and ground-up rhino horns are for. There are but two purposes to art:

1) To allow you to visit museums and stroke your goatee while saying things like, "A bit obsequious to the Neo-Cubist status-quo, don't you think?" For those of you who lack goatees (for example, "girls") I know a Ukrainian swim coach who can hook you up.

2) To look like things. Whether those things are soup cans, melty clocks, or a businessman getting hit in the head by a giant apple, I don't care. As long as it obviously is something, it's art.

Inversely, you have Not Art — anything that can double as a Rorschach Ink Blot Test, a pretentious smudge that doesn't technically look like anything, but can say wonders about your psychology. Consider the subconscious undercurrents behind these Whitworth student reactions when shown the Big Ugly, the rusted metal behemoth squatting outside the library:

"I see globs of petrified Cup O' Noodle."

"A robot stegosaurus skeleton with scoliosis."

"Looks like my mother burning me with her cigarettes and then telling me I'll never find love and leaving Dad for some carnie she met at a truck stop."

Such artistic travesties are a B-SchMac to the face of Art History, thousands of years of complex intricacies of human emotion poured out on a variety of mediums (not to mention smalls and larges).

Cower in childlike wonder as I ca-

priciously reduce this storied history to 500 words. (Note: Reading this column can replace AR-264, AR-363W, and both Fitness requirements.)

The first Art began back in cave-man times (or as snooty anthropologists call it, the "Cavemanolithic Era") One day, while Grog was out hunting dinosaurs (dinosaurs had been extinct for millions of years, but cavemen were stupid), Oog decided that he could only truly communicate his feelings to Grog by smearing tempera paint all over the wall. His first work — a pictograph of a stickman spearing a buffalo — he called "The Horizon of Malaise."



Sadly, his peers mistook the stickman for a drawing of Mohammed and Oog was stoned to death.

For the ancient Egyptians, art took on a religious tack. The Osiris's Witnesses would go pyramid to pyramid handing out papyrus pamphlets with a dude with a crocodile head for a head.

"Hi!" They'd flash a bright yellow smile. "Would you like to hear about how Croc Man, here, can help you get rich and lose weight in the afterlife?"

"Uh..." The Egyptians would reply, "See, thing is, I'm kinda in the middle of some slave-whipping... and Sphinx Production is weeks behind schedule what with the plague of frogs and all..."

The Classical Period epitomized but one lofty subject: Nekkid people. Either the sculptors couldn't sculpt clothes (Curse the inexplicable intricacy of the Tommy Hilfiger Logo!) or Rome had more streaking than Mac Men at a Failed Window Washers Convention. This led the way for the first Abercrombie and Fitch ads.

The Italian Renaissance continued the trend of gratuitous nudity, with greats like Donatello, Michelangelo, Raphael and Splinter. Da Vinci, meanwhile, wasted most of his time hiding secrets in his paintings. (Like the message in "The Last Supper" that reads, "Catered by Longhorn Barbeque".)

Van Gogh, a Dutch Artist who cut off his ear as part of BJ Tradition, was the first to simulate what the world looks like without glasses.

The Impressionism of Van Gogh gave way to the Surrealism of Salvador, the Maculay Culkism of Edward Munch, the Pigeon Crap/Toddler Armed with a Box of Crayola stylings of Jackson Pollack and the scenic saccharine schlock of "Painter™ Of™ Lite™" Thomas Kincade.

Most critics agree Kincade is one of the greatest artists of all time, if we replace the word "greatest" with "richest" and "artists" with "guys who can work a color Xerox machine" and "all time" with "Placerville, California."

While a Kincade painting may be the artistic equivalent of a Stepford Wife — mass-produced and creepily vivid it's a stumble in the right direction. Hopefully, art can move away from amorphous blobs, the use of Goat Feces and Tapioca Pudding as a medium and increasingly Bigger and Bigger Uglier. Then we artists can return to depicting things that matter, like Spiderman and fruit baskets and trees.

A call for solace



PETER
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Opinions
Editor

It's about that time of year again. The time of year when everyone starts to get overwhelmed with school, with life, with relationships, with the horror that is happening in Africa, Iraq or Thailand, with money problems, with internship questions, with studying or with grades. It's testing time.

Three good friends of mine took the LSAT last Saturday. All three are looking at attending law school next year, so the Law School Admissions Test has been their central focus for the past few months. They have studied for hundreds of hours, taking practice tests and memorizing obscure references to court cases decided in the 1930s.

One friend in particular made a strong impression on me as I spoke with him about the process. Outside of his busy schedule, he would take one and a half hours every day and devote it entirely to studying for the impending exam.

As I tossed the Frisbee with him last Saturday afternoon after the four-plus hour test and prodded him with questions, he mentioned that it was a huge burden off of his back to be done with the test.

Then he mentioned that even though the results would be delivered by e-mail in three weeks that he wished they would arrive tomorrow. At that point I was so glad he was outside in the clear evening tossing the Frisbee with me and my housemate. It was a brief time of solace.

Solace by definition is the alleviation of stress or discom-

fort, or something that gives comfort, consolation or relief. This concept is something foreign to so many of us in stressful times. Instead we worry.

Worry clouds our thoughts, causing us to clench our fists and tense our brows when faced with resistance or problems of all kinds. Our problems cause a constant worry that, no matter what we do, does not go away. Worry is an individual feeling. It is not passionate and it limits our creativity with its burdening presence.

Sometimes we can do something about worry. When we work a little bit harder, or take on a little more responsibility, we can correct the problem or solve the puzzle. But sometimes, we can't and the worry is about something outside of our control. In these cases it is almost imperative that we find our time or place of solace.

I believe solace comes in many shapes and sizes, but it is important to all.

For me, solace is being alone in a quiet place, even for twenty minutes, and contemplating something outside myself. It begins and ends with prayer, but in the middle I let my mind wander and think about something that I like to think about, such as something that I think is cool, or something that I want to try to do.

Or sometimes, I will sit outside and think about nothing, letting myself enjoy the peace that I am experiencing for that brief amount of time.

For others solace is riding a bicycle and letting the miles fly past as they let their mind go. For others, it is playing their guitar or singing. For others, it is sitting in a crowded place and people watching. For others it is talking to God and letting Him talk back. Still for others it is spending un-

eventful time with someone they love. Some people have never experienced solace.

To me solace is the best descriptor of what God gives us while on earth for being his children and accepting Jesus Christ as our personal Savior. He gives us solace in knowing that despite what is happening here on earth, or even in our lives, we are going to Heaven at the end of it all.

This mere fact allows for thankfulness for our lives as American's in a bountiful land out of harms way. It makes our problems seem small. It allows me solace from the constriction of worry that seems to plague me when I am faced with the difficulties of life.

There are times when solace is hard to allow into our lives. We want to worry, we want to try harder and we want to succeed. Sometimes though, it is important to slow down a bit and allow yourself to have a few moments of solace. It will rejuvenate your mind and soul and allow you to plow ahead through life's journey.

As tests abound and compound, take a moment and find your place of solace and understand that no matter how much studying you have to do, you can always do more, so at some point you have to be satisfied with it and take the test.

Soon my three friends will become the brunt of my latest lawyer joke, but in the next three weeks, as they wait for their test results, I hope they will be able to find a solace that may have eluded them while they were burdened with worry.

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Pope binds faith and reason

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For those of you with droopy eyelids slouched in the back row of Core 250, wake up! No, I'm not sucking up to Leonard. But in the recent address of Pope Benedict, the issues of faith and reason have climbed outside Classroom's walls.

While the scholars, politicians and gossips of the day are flying into a frenzy over the controversial speech, it is to us — college students — that the Pope has directed his lecture: "to rediscover it constantly is the great task of the University."

"Rediscover what?" you are asking. Rediscover the connection between faith and reason.

Since the rest of the world is concerning itself with Manuel II's quote on Muhammad and holy war, (which is significant, but only a minuscule portion of the speech) discussing the pope's reflections on faith and reason will give us a broader picture of his discourse.

I personally found the speech beautiful and inspiring. In an age that cringes from the divine, the pope points us toward Plato and other scholars of the past. In the Platonic understanding, mind and soul were irrevocably intertwined. Today, doctors rush to label anything remotely spiritual as scientific. Notice how people used to be possessed by demons. Today people are schizophrenic. What once would have been attributed to spiritual forces is now explained in scientific terms.

The university, even the Christian university, has become fearful of sounding unintelligent. Religion has been reduced to ooey-goey feelings. And ooey-goey feelings can't discover a cure for cancer.

But religion has not always been viewed as weak or emotional. It has been the basis for many

sophisticated and progressive cultures. And it has often been paired hand in hand with reason.

Really, the pope is challenging us to view faith through a new set of lenses. As men and women created in the image of a rational God, we have the opportunity to recognize the harmony of rationality and faith. We can't make people believe what we believe by twisting their arm. Take the the "Rice Christians" of China. Missionaries who gave out rice to whoever would profess Christ. There were a lot of "professing Christians" who were really just starving farmers. We also can't convert people by force. (To our embarrassment, there's a prime example when we remember the crusades.) But we can appeal to people's reason.

And for those of us with spiritual beliefs, we have made conscious, intellectual decisions to faith. Should we not continue to study, to know what and why we believe? We ought to have arguments to support conviction. Even Peter the disciple who championed the cause of salvation by faith instructs Christians to "always have an answer ready for anyone who asks about the hope that is in you."

As students of a Christian university, we ought to make it our personal passion to see that faith and reason are not separated. I can't put it better than the pope: "Theology rightly belongs in the university and within the wide-ranging dialogue of sciences, not merely as a historical discipline and one of the human sciences, but precisely as theology, as inquiry into the rationality of faith."

As a start to better understanding the link between faith and reason, I recommend reading the pope's speech in its entirety. You might find yourself surprised and inspired.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: Mind and Hearth Call it "Stan's"

The question everyone was asking during the first few weeks of classes at Whitworth was "Have you seen the new coffee shop? Isn't it great?" Of course the coffee shop is great, but then the question comes, "What's the name for it again?" If anyone in the conversation actually knows the name, he'll reply, "The Mind and Hearth." At this point a flash of confusion and disappointment crosses the faces of those in the group as they realize that the now coolest place on campus is spoiled by having a name that, in the words of one professor, is just lame.

Not only is "Mind & Hearth" a horribly bad pun that seriously takes away from the professional academic feel of the college, it just doesn't roll off the tongue very well either. I just can't imagine anyone saying to a friend, "Hey, let's go grab coffee at the 'Mind and Hearth' after Core today." It just sounds like a lisp. Instead of being clever, we just got a bad joke.

So my solution is that in the spirit of a campus community that still calls its dining hall "Saga" long after it has ever been run by Saga Foods and had SOY over the door of a dorm years after anyone can remember exactly why they were put there, to just call the coffee shop "Stan's." We are still lucky enough to have Stan around as manager and even though his stand was technically called "Espresso Delights," for the last four years that I've been around, we've always referred to it as "Stan's." And so I will continue to call our coffee shop "Stan's" and I hope that somehow that tradition will live on as well.

Mary Eagle
Class of 2006

Re: "Crime hits campus" Community hurt by locking doors

Security, without any notice or justification given to us, has begun locking all the dorm doors. I was told that over the past weekend the dorm was going to be locked but locking the doors for a few more days or weeks was not in mind. There may be a legitimate reason for this, but I have not heard one yet. Car theft has nothing to do with my dorm room. If I do not want something stolen it is my adult responsibility to lock my door and close my windows. If something of mine is stolen out of my room because I didn't feel it was necessary to lock my door it is my own fault.

Locking the all the dorms is destroying and disrupting the Whitworth community. If students cannot come and go freely to visit with one another, that hinders the unification of community. I don't want to go to another dorm anymore because it is a major inconvenience for someone to let me in. I do not see in any instance where locking someone out would help create community. If security thinks that locking the outside doors will help protect us they don't understand that if this continues the likelihood that we will lock our doors will go down drastically. We will leave them unlocked more because we know the main doors are locked. Items will still be stolen.

There are other perfect opportunities for someone to steal our stuff, namely the HUB. Backpacks with calculators and laptops in them lined up against a wall free for the taking. Whitworth struck me as a homey campus where everyone was friendly to everyone else but lately I have seen this ideal fade away. We are now hindering relationships and community, we are trying to modernize and mimic the big univer-

sities and this is very upsetting to me. I came for the small community that makes you feel like you are home where ever you go on campus. If there is a threat please tell the students. We are adults and can handle the truth. Tell us how long this hindrance is going to continue.

Mandi Curtin
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Card access to dorms a solution

The recent crime spree on campus has shaken all of us a bit. Instead of locking down the dorms, finding the perpetrators and going back to normal I believe we should take action to make the campus a safer place permanently. Many other schools (including Eastern) have proximity (prox) card access to their dorms. I believe this system would be beneficial to Whitworth. Access would be granted by our ID cards. Current students would have access to every residence hall during the day. During the night the prox card access could be disabled for students not residing in the dorm or a key would have to be used to open the dorm. The time has come where being behind the pinecone curtain does not keep us safe from crime. Having prox card access will help keep unwanted non-students from entering into residence halls, making the campus a safer place for students.

Eric Fredrickson
Senior
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Re: "Pluto declared a dwarf" Pluto decision severely flawed

I am a journalist and writer myself and have signed various online petitions to reinstate Pluto as our ninth planet. I believe this decision by the IAU was severely flawed, considering a very small minority took part in it (400 out of 10,000), and the definition of the word planet was created in a way specifically meant to exclude Pluto. The part about a planet having to clear its orbit has a lot of problems. Neptune does not clear its orbit of Pluto, and Jupiter does not clear many asteroids from its orbit. Dr. Alan Stern, Principal Investigator of the New Horizons NASA unmanned mission to Pluto, called this decision "an embarrassment to astronomy" and "sloppy science that would never pass peer review." He has assembled a petition of several hundred planetary scientists who oppose the IAU definition of a planet and is convening a conference of over 1,000 astronomers next summer to re-examine the issue. I encourage you to read his very thoughtful views on this issue. This debate is far from over.

I do not have children, but I have a three-year-old nephew and either a niece or nephew due in October and will make sure they always learn that Pluto is our ninth planet. In fact, I have already bought them a book on the solar system showing our nine planets.

Laurel Kornfeld
Highland Park, NJ

Re: "Laptops: Learning tool or distraction?"

Internet usage is my responsibility

"Laptops: Learning tool or distraction," while being careful to include both sides of the argument, seems to miss an important underlying point — namely, it is not the responsibility of Whitworth professors to ensure their students' responsibility. In fact, I would go as far to say that Whitworth professors should not be allowed to place restrictions on computer use during class time — provided the usage does not distract other class members. If a student chooses to be irresponsible and subsequently misuses class time, that is their mistake. Professors should not feel obligated to outline attack strategies combating computer use. If use of the Internet and e-mail during class is truly detrimental, the negative consequences will undoubtedly present themselves when grading time roles around. As college students, our responsibility is our responsibility. This having been said, I do wish to briefly touch on a half sentence I wrote above. If a student's computer use — more specifically Internet and e-mail use — infringes on other students' individual learning experiences, I do believe it is within the professor's rights to demand that the distracting student refrain from using the Internet or e-mail at that time. Nevertheless, what I choose to do, that affects me alone, is my responsibility — and mine alone.

Stephen E. Montgomery
Senior
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Re: "Coffee" Writer's taste- test inaccurate

I wanted to mention something regarding the article on coffee shops written in The Whitworthian by Kaitlin Trott and Jennifer Ingersoll. I was disappointed that they didn't try and engage us in a true coffee culture conversation. By not having "like testing" on coffee, they received very unreliable results. As their article states, they sampled different drinks at each location and didn't even have a "true coffee drink" at our cafe. They ordered a fruit drink and a mocha meant to please customers with sweeter palettes. But their article mentions "Kaitlin had a latte that didn't taste like coffee" but self-admittedly her drink was a "Mocha" which was it. Our coffees are all single origin, highest quality coffee. We could have been very helpful, giving them an experience that would have taught them something, and have given them better test results. The article not only gives us a bad review but doesn't reflect our heart for giving to people in Spokane as a nonprofit, built to help students like themselves, provide a healthy late night atmosphere, open extra hours on finals weeks, taking a personal interest in them.

In tests by true coffee connoisseurs we have are rated as one of the highest in the business "The Inlander" in a people's choice award in Spokane, gave The Service Station "2nd best late night coffee in Spokane."... Don't order a non-coffee drink and rate our coffee (that's not only bad journalism, it's inaccurate facts and thus bad reporting).

We are very proud to serve our Whitworth students and much of our jazz last year was performed by Whitworth students. We know our jazz can be loud on some weekends but on other weekends it is a jazz pianist like Joe Kloess (he received many notes from students thanking him) playing quietly to add to their study experience. It's hard to write a review article without a review. We are very sorry we didn't have the opportunity to help them have a true coffee experience.

Scot Robinson
President/Owner of The Service Station

By the NUMBERS

War in Iraq facts and figures

\$100,000

Dollars per minute the war in Iraq is costing the United States.

\$4.5

Billion dollars. The amount per month that congress is spending on the war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

\$70

Billion dollars. The latest set of funds that Congress approved for the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. Most of the money will be used to maintain and improve U.S. safety equipment in the two countries.

\$2

Trillion dollars. The current total cost of the war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

2,700

The number U.S. soldiers who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan since the war started in 2003.

19,700

Number of U.S. military personnel injured in Iraq and Afghanistan since the war began.

30,000+

The number of Iraqi civilian deaths since the war started.

43

The number of reported U.S. military suicides since the war started.

4.06

Percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) the war in Iraq cost in 2005.

21

The number of countries that have troops or personnel in Iraq.

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Sounding Board

Question of the week

Q: How should student safety be improved?

E-mail your thoughts to editor@whitworth.edu

Get your thoughts in print!

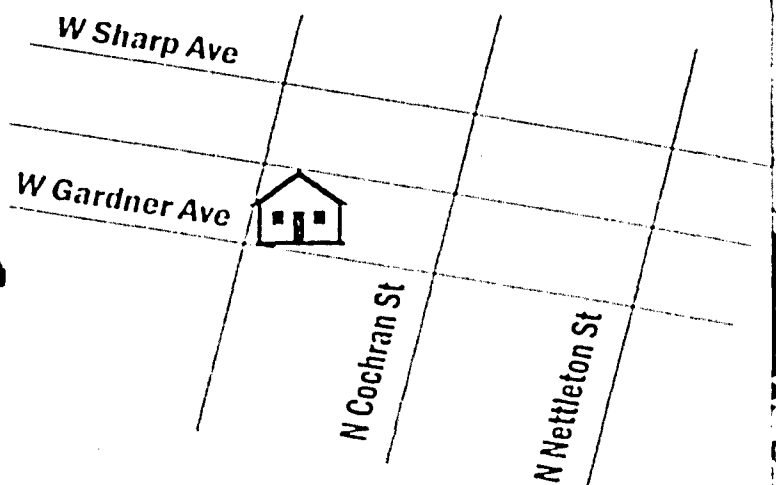
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the Westminster House



Westminster House ministers to impoverished neighborhood

Joy Bacon
Scene editor

The room is simple. White walls contrast with the brown carpet. A basic TV sits in the corner with various children's videos lined up on the shelves. The mantle supports a simple cross and mementos, while a hanging stained glass piece filters the light.

The mission is also simple: Serving one of the poorest neighborhoods per capita in Washington.

The Westminster House, located in Spokane's West Central neighborhood, is home to more than the Whitworth graduates who live there as missionaries. The house is known as a safe and welcoming place in one of the poorest areas in Spokane and the state.

The home houses six to eight students who commit to at least one year of service. Alumnus Jason Duba, '04, moved into the house in the fall of 2004 and has not left yet.

"I wanted to do something meaningful with my life after I graduated," Duba said. "It was a great way to get involved in the lives of kids in the West Central area."

Many of the homes in the area are run by single parents and have multiple generations living under one roof. Last school year, 90 percent of the students at Holmes Elementary school received free or reduced lunches.

"I'm used to two parents, a solid family and having a stable routine," Duba said. "It's hard to relate to when sitting down for a family meal everyday is not the norm."

The Westminster House was started 14 years ago by a group of Whitworth faculty and community members who purchased the house. Today, the ministry is overseen by Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Assistant professor of music Benjamin Brody is a member of the Westminster board, a group of community members who organize the logistics of the house, as well as provides support for the missionaries.

Residents of the house pay \$50 in rent, and the Westminster board covers food, utilities and other ex-

penses. Missioners are also encouraged to have jobs outside of the neighborhood.

"We try to help in any way we can," Brody said.

Brody actually lives in the area.

"It's a priority to me to not compartmentalize my faith," Brody said. "We wanted our kids to grow up learning how to serve their neighbors."

Besides being a presence in the neighborhood, the missionaries run a Homework Helpers program for first through fourth graders and Logos, a Wednesday evening activity for elementary school kids. Westminster Presbyterian sponsors

Christ's Kitchen and Christ's Clinic. A women's shelter is also in the area.

Many of the past missionaries used their specific interests and talents to serve the community. One graduate

from the music department taught piano lessons for a reduced fee. Another organized a karate program for the children.

"The house benefits from having a diversity of interests," Brody said.

Duba has seen the impact of the house in the neighborhood. He has mentored two high-school-age boys for the past three years and was excited to see them maturing into responsible young men and leaders in their community, Duba said.

Changes to the neighborhood dynamics could be fast approaching. A development near the area is under works, which may raise property values in an area known for inexpensive house rental.

"There has been a mixed reaction to the development," Duba said.

Some residents see it as an improvement and a way to clean up the neighborhood, but others are worried about the increasing cost of living, Duba said.

But for now, the Westminster missionaries plan to keep building relationships and serving the community.

"Often the missionaries move in seeing ministry as a program, but they leave seeing it as relationships," Brody said.



Students get involved with Westminster

Homework Helpers is an after-school program run by the Westminster missionaries and student volunteers.

Students help first through fourth graders with school work, as well as provide supplemental education materials. The volunteers also play games with the kids and have snack time.

The program serves anywhere from eight to 24 students every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Sophomore Kristine Shure learned of the program through her exploring education class and now volunteers as a tutor

for the Holmes Elementary school students.

"A lot of the kids struggle with school and help isn't always provided from their families," Shure said.

Gregg Brekke, assistant professor of English for International Students, is one of the faculty advisers for the program. In addition to tutoring the kids, he also helps drive students to the neighborhood.

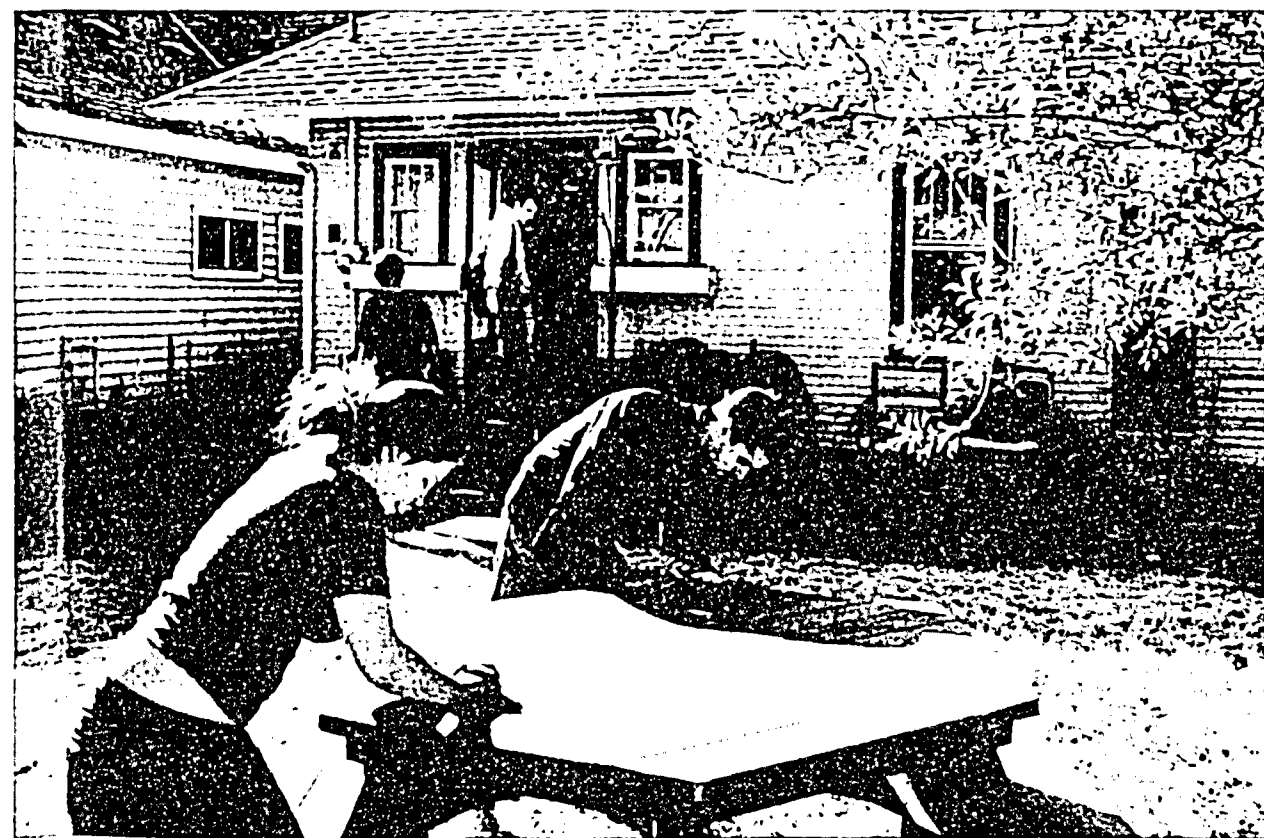
"The biggest successes have been the smiles, friendships and progress of the children," Brekke said.

Get involved

Homework Helpers: Contact junior Bethany Harmon or Gregg Brekke. Tutoring is Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3-4:45 p.m.

Westminster House: Contact Benjamin Brody or Jason Duba. They are currently accepting applications for missionaries.

Other missions: Contact Kacie Gartland, SERVE coordinator.



TOP LEFT: Whitworth students enter the Westminster House for Community Building Day on Sept. 26.

BOTTOM LEFT: Alumnus Jason Duba hands out snacks to elementary school students during the Homework Helpers program last Thursday.

TOP: Students tour Westminster Presbyterian Church.

ABOVE: Freshmen Caroline May and Lyle Rosh sand and refinish an outdoor picnic table at the Westminster House.

TOP RIGHT: Freshman Ben Bonnema trims branches off of an overgrown tree.

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Community Building Day

Students serve neighborhood through maintenance projects

Natalie Johnson
Staff writer

During Community Building Day, freshman students served at the Westminster House, a mission located in one of the poorest neighborhoods in the state, continuing Whitworth's long-standing relationship with the home.

Community Building Day provided the perfect opportunity for Whitworth to give even more to the Westminster House. Assistant professor of music Ben Brody, who is on the Westminster House Board, took his freshman seminar class to serve there.

Students worked in groups on various projects at the house such as trimming bushes, weeding, clearing out unused rooms and staining outdoor furniture.

Though the group worked hard all morning, no complaints were heard. At one point there was singing coming from the back yard.

"The students seemed to have a great time and their enthusiasm for serving was obvious," Brody said.

The work done was much appreciated by the residents there and left them with even more time to spend serving the community.

In addition, the students had the opportunity to tour the home and learn what it does for the community.

"Sometimes you feel like there isn't anything you can do for places like that," said freshman Caroline May, who helped sand and

Fast Facts 2006

Community Building Day: Whitworth students, faculty and staff spent the morning of Sept. 26 volunteering with various Spokane organizations, working on clean-up and improvement projects in the community.

600

number of faculty, staff and students who participated

32

number of locations students served at including: Habitat for Humanity, Ronald McDonald House, Union Gospel Mission, Riverside State Park, Rockwood at Hawthorne, Goodwill Downtown and North, Christ's Kitchen and Avista Greenthumbs garden

100

number of years the program has been going. It started as a campus beautification program

stain a picnic table. "I felt like we helped because even little things make a difference."

Freshman LaShawnta Ervin cleaned windows in preparation for sealing them for the winter.

"I know how hard it is living in a neighborhood like that, so it was nice to help out there," Ervin said. "It also gave me a lot of hope for the people there."

More than an evening stroll

Walk across England proves to be a humbling experience

Julie Wootton
Staff writer

The rare ability to say "I walked across England this summer. What did you do?" was granted this year to Andrea Saccoccio, associate chaplain, and Melinda Larson, associate professor of kinesiology and athletic trainer.

For 13 days this summer, Saccoccio and Larson walked 192 miles across England.

Saccoccio and Larson went through Central England from the Irish Sea to the North Sea on few public roads. They walked through three national parks: Lake District, Pennines and North York Moors.

Inspiration for their journey came directly from the guide "A Coast to Coast Walk" by Alfred Wainwright.

Saccoccio and Larson became two of the 7,000 people who travel Wainwright's path every year.

"Wainwright's book gave us more of an idea of the purpose for doing the walk across England," Larson said. "Wainwright wanted the path to go through the scenic areas of England and wanted to stay away from the big cities."

Saccoccio and Larson first traveled together on a one-week bike trip along the Oregon Coast two years ago.

"Mel and I were discussing biking two years ago and decided to bike the Oregon Coast in a one week blitz," Saccoccio said. "After our friendship survived that adventure, she was game to travel to England this summer to join me as I pursued a long-time dream."

On their journey through England, they hiked from 11-23 miles per day.

"It was challenging physically and I liked that," Saccoccio said. "We walked between five and nine hours a day in single track for most of the time, so we didn't talk a whole lot."

Since they were so far north, the sun rose at 4 a.m. and set at 10 p.m., so Saccoccio and Larson patterned

their sleep accordingly.

"We usually were so exhausted that we went to bed at 9:30 p.m. and got up around 7 a.m.," Saccoccio said.

They took only one rest day – in Richmond – where they explored the town and went to look at an abbey.

"Once you've been walking for that long, you just don't stop," Saccoccio said.

Compared to the United States, hiking trails in England are more natural, there are no switchbacks and paths go through private property.

"National law gives public foot ways the right-of-way, even if they go through private property," Larson said.

If a public foot way goes through someone's private land, they are responsible for maintaining it, along with the gates and fences that lead to the foot way.

"It felt strange tromping through someone's backyard since we have such a strong sense of privacy in the United States," Larson said.

Throughout the journey, Saccoccio and Larson traveled on public roads for only 20 miles and passed pastures and stone walls.

One of the challenging aspects of the trip was navigation.

"I got into navigation during the trip and Andi followed me even when I messed up and caused us to walk an extra mile off the path," Larson said. "Navigating using the British grid system was foreign to me since I was used to U.S. topographical maps."

Saccoccio said one of the highlights of the trip was that the journey was like a pilgrimage and they had time to meditate.

"I often read a verse from Psalms in the morning and then thought about the scripture during the day," Saccoccio said. "There was physical beauty around us and freedom from distractions such as cell phones and computers."

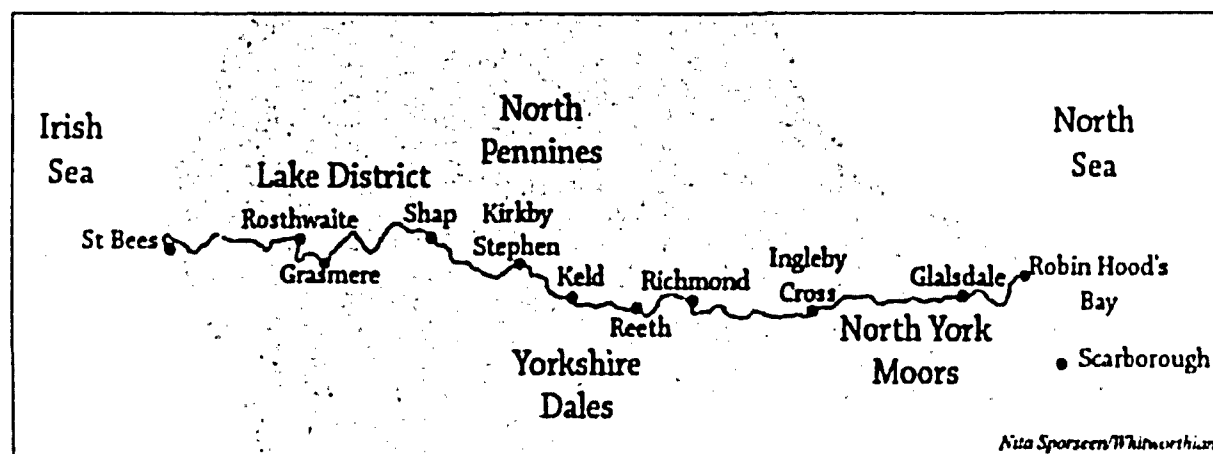
It was lovely to be out there and to think and listen without being interrupted, Saccoccio said.



Photo courtesy of Andrea Saccoccio

Associate professor of kinesiology and athletic trainer Melinda Larson and associate chaplain Andrea Saccoccio stand on top of a ridge during their recent trek across England.

Saccoccio and Larson's journey



Nita Sporeen/Whitworthian

Larson had the opportunity to learn more about how she relates to other people when she is being challenged physically.

"It is similar to an athletic event that is an individual physical effort but there is a need to work together," Larson said. "I learned that I don't recognize the needs of others that well when I am in this kind of situation."

Throughout the course of the trip, Saccoccio and Larson got to know many of the other travelers.

"We had booked a bed and breakfast every night where we usually met up with people who were also on the same route," Saccoccio said. "It was a blast to eat together, watch the World Cup and share stories from the day's adventures."

Saccoccio and Larson traveled most closely with a British couple, an Australian couple, a British man, two retired school-teachers from Ohio and a group of four people from Sacramento, Calif.

"They all had nicknames, such as the Australian couple who we called the 'flying Aussies' because they were always racing to the next place so that they could get to the bed and breakfast in time to see the World Cup game," Saccoccio said.

Larson said that she enjoyed meeting people who were on a similar schedule as they were.

"Some of the people we met were from England and we talked about their accent

and language," Larson said.

Saccoccio's advice to others interested in going on this journey would be to take longer than 13 days to go the 192 miles and to bring two pairs of shoes.

"When you do something that taxing with someone like hiking with them all day and then staying in the same room, you get to know them on a deeper level," Larson said. "First and foremost, the trip was a chance to deepen my friendship with Andi."

'A Spot of Bother,' mediocre, but provocative

Coley Ochoa
Staff writer

Mr. George Hall is the picture of British dignity. He is extremely polite, hospitable and does not hug or get excessively emotional.

That is, until George realizes that he is dying from a lesion on his hip. Diagnosed with eczema, George is sure the cancer will metastasize unless he surgically removes it with the kitchen shears in the shower, naked, drunk and overdosed on codeine.

Mark Haddon's 2006 novel "A Spot of Bother" refers to the patch of eczema on George's hip as well as his sudden feelings of paranoia and what can only be described as bouts of insanity.

The story follows the Hall family, telling their life stories and ultimately showing how relative "sanity" really is.

Behind the meandering episodes of plot, Haddon weaves his story to call into question the commonplace ideas of family and what it means to love someone.

Even when asked by her lover to leave

her husband, George's wife, Jean, stays with George in spite of the fact that he's losing his mind. As for their son Jamie, family is standing by someone even when you do not necessarily like him.

Their tumultuous daughter Katie struggles to realize whether she loves her fiancé Ray because of who he is or the father-figure, care-taker and provider role that he takes on for her and her toddler Jacob.

I found it difficult to side with any particular character because Haddon constructs each character in such a way to make them

truly human and significantly flawed. Ray, for example, is disliked by the Hall family for his straightforwardness, his height and his macho personality.

I found these same qualities endearing; however, Ray's anger-management issues made it difficult for Katie and myself, as the reader, to love him.

Haddon's writing is spot on in the way it truly captures the feeling of insanity and its sporadic nature. When George began as the

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Repp croons with soft vocals

Danielle King
Staff writer

Last Thursday's Half Past Nine event in the Hixson Union Building featured an upcoming indie label artist, Portland native Corrina Repp.

The show began with some classy tunes by Whitworth's "Milk Plus" jazz ensemble. After a few tunes, including a rendition of a Beatles cover, Repp took the stage with band-mate Joe Haege. The crowd of about forty students was quiet but attentive through the hour-and-a-half long show. Repp and Haege kept the show interesting by swapping instruments, each playing piano, guitar and drums.

The guitar rhythms were uniquely arranged and occasionally a background track played a steady, almost ethereal beat. Repp was exceedingly gracious, thanking the crowd for listening after each song performed.

Repp opened with the dreamy and almost lullaby-like song "Let Us Lie." Repp's music is melancholy, somber and deep, yet thought provoking and hopeful. The melodies are Spartan and unembellished but despite its simplicity, there was a certain quality in the steady, slow rhythms that resonate a feeling of calm in the listener.

Repp's voice was sultry and enchanting and her lyrics coincide with the contemplative trance-like mood of music itself such as in tracks like "It's Only The Future." Repp performed the song "I'll Walk You Out" from her latest album

that expresses the yearning of a girl deciding whether or not to leave home. Both folk music and jazz vocalists have influenced her minimalist style.

Most students who were in attendance responded positively to the show.

"Corrina has one of the most beautiful voices," freshman Tiffany Miller said.

But a few spectators who came to the show admitted that Repp's slow, sedative style was not to their liking, though they applauded her uniqueness and originality in musical expression.

Repp said what most inspires her music is sadness. The music is almost therapeutic for me, she said.

Repp and Haege have been touring the country to promote Repp's latest album "The Absent and the Distant," the newest release from Caldo Verde Records.

"This album is more piano focused and has more vocals. And it's probably the most personal record I've put out so far," Repp said.

This is Repp's third album, following "It's Only The Future," released in 2004 and "I Take On Your Days," released in 2001 from indie label Hush Records.

Earlier Repp toured with indie folk sensation The Decemberists as well as Norfolk and Western.

Right now Repp is touring the northern Midwest, stopping in St. Louis and Chicago. She will be returning to Whitworth this November.

Check out Repp on her myspace page, www.myspace.com/corrinarepp and watch for her new Web site.



Justin Hancock/Whitworthian

Corrina Repp performed last Thursday as part of Half Past Nine. Repp and band-mate Joe Haege rotated between instruments to create a smooth blend of music. About 40 students attended the performance.

City LIFE

Classic film brought to theatrical stage

"Singin' in the Rain" is playing at the Spokane Civic Theater. The 1952 classic film comes to the stage during the month of October. Performances will be Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 for students and \$20 for adults. For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.ticketwest.com or call the Civic Box Office at 325-2507.

Comedy group performing sketches

The West Coast Funnies, a sketch-based comedy show similar to Saturday Night Live will be performing this Saturday at the Met Theater. One of the performers, Lamont Ferguson, was the winner of the Seattle International Comedy Competition. The show goes from 8 p.m. until midnight and tickets range from \$17 to \$24.50. To purchase tickets visit www.ticketwest.com.

Walk benefits Alzheimer's patients

The 2006 Memory Walk to benefit Alzheimer's patients will be held this Saturday. Entertainment and other events begin at 9 a.m. and the walk begins at 11 a.m. Participants can sign up as a team or individually. Participants can find people to sponsor them for the three-mile walk. The walk begins at Center Place at Mirabeau Point Park in Spokane Valley. For further information visit www.spokanememorywalk.kintera.org.

Alternative group visiting local venue

Lucero and Rocky Votolato will be playing the Big Dipper this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Lucero hails from Memphis, Tenn. Their last record release was 2005's "Nobody's Darling." Votolato is a Texas native, but got his start in Seattle. He has released seven CDs to date. Both can most nearly be defined as alternative, but Lucero leans more toward the rock sub genre, whereas Votolato is a country inspired singer-songwriter. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at www.ticketwest.com.

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Bethany Hergert

Students pick own fruit at local farms

Jennifer Ingersoll
Kallin Trott
Staff writers

Autumn is in the air and it's time to enjoy the outdoors while it's still relatively warm. It's the best time of the year to take advantage of the weather and the best place to do so is at Green Bluff Growers, a small community of farms just north of Whitworth's campus.

Established in 1902, Green Bluff has evolved from a few small farms into a large group of more than thirty, only about twenty minutes north of campus. During the summer months the farms provide various pick-your-own fruit opportunities. But when autumn rolls around, it's time for Apple Festival. September 16 through Oct. 28, the Green Bluff farms open their stores and farms to the general public for the Apple Festival.



Don't be deceived by the name of the festival - although apples are the most popular fall crop grown by the farmers, they are certainly not the only option. Some of the farms, like Fleur de Province Lavender Farm, owned by Stan and Maggie

Smith, specialize in lavender plants and products.

Other farms, like Hidden Acres, owned by the Simchuks and the Conners, have almost every fall fruit and vegetable imaginable. This farm also provides hours worth of activities, including u-pick apples, a pumpkin patch, a spacious country store, hay rides, live music and a corn maze. At the country store you can pick up canned goods, take-and-bake pies, and handmade gifts and crafts.

If you think going to Green Bluff means tromping about in the outdoors eating raw vegetables and trying to avoid stepping in manure, you couldn't be more wrong. There are plenty of opportunities to sit down and relax with a warm beverage or dessert.

Several of the farms, including Green Bluff High Country Orchard, run by Joe and JoAnne Smatlan and family, have espresso bars and warm desserts.

Towards the end of your Green Bluff visit, stop by the Barn Country Italian Food Store at the Trezzi farm. All of their fresh, handmade Italian sauces and food items are made from the produce that they grow on their farm.

The Trezzi's are celebrating their one-year anniversary Oct. 7-8. That weekend their store will be open from noon to five and they will be serving samples of their delicious chow.

Green Bluff is more than just apples. Visit Green Bluff for a leisurely Sunday afternoon with friends, or with your family over Parents' Weekend.



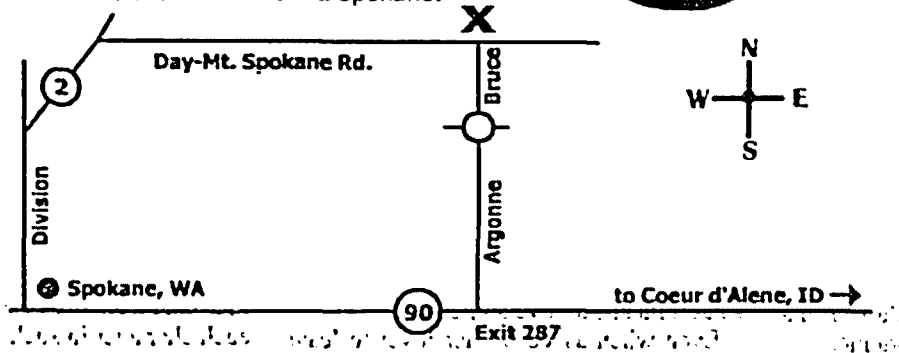
Bryan Whitmore/Whitworthian

Sophomore Sarah Douglas smells a cluster of grapes during a recent visit to Hansen's Farm, a part of Green Bluff Growers. The farms offer the chance to pick seasonal fruits and other items.

The Green Bluff Growers

is an association of small family farms and food stands which offers an escape from the business of downtown Spokane and the demands of college life.

The Growers are located in two loops at the intersection of Bruce and Mt. Spokane.



A&E BRIEFS

Comedian performing for Half Past Nine

Comedian Tim Young will perform for Half Past Nine this Thursday in the Hixson Union Building. Young is based out of New York and has performed at over 400 colleges around the nation.

Young shows his sympathy for college students on his Web site (timyounglive.com) with his "TYU Tuition Reimbursement Plan" which calculates how many items we should "permanently borrow" to justify paying our tuition.

Ballroom Dance Friday hosts multiple genres

The Ballroom Dance club will be hosting its October dance in Graves Gym this Friday at 7 p.m. The cost is \$3. BDC members get in for free.

— Compiled by
Lucy Crowder

Weekly EVENTS

TUESDAY | OCT. 3

- Pastor's reading group, 7 a.m. in HUB catering rooms
- Opening reception for visiting artist Jose Parla, 7 p.m. in Fine Arts Building

WEDNESDAY | OCT. 4

- Visiting artist Jose Parla exhibit, Fine Arts Building
- General elections for various ASWC positions

THURSDAY | OCT. 5

- Lecturer lunch with Academic Dean, noon in HUB catering rooms
- Tim Young performing, 9:30 p.m. in HUB
- Worship in Pirate's Cove 10 p.m. sponsored by Young Life

FRIDAY | OCT. 6

- Ballroom Dance, 7 p.m. in Graves Gym
- Alumni performing music, 9:30 p.m. in HUB

SATURDAY | OCT. 7

- The Weekend retreat, Riverview Bible Camp

SUNDAY | OCT. 8

- The Weekend retreat, Riverview Bible Camp

MONDAY | OCT. 9

- Retirement celebration for Max Vandiver, 10 a.m. in HUB conference rooms

Scene

Students performed in blackface

Dramatic style seen as normal in early 20th century theatre on campus

STORIES FROM HISTORY
WHITWORTHIAN.

Lucas Beechinor
Staff writer

Blackface. The word hardly seems important to most students, even if they knew what it actually means. Most students might not believe that it was practiced regularly on Whitworth's campus for the first half-century of the school's existence.

From the early years in Tacoma and into the late 1940s, students annually participated in what were called "minstrel shows." They were commonly performed in blackface, a style of theatrical makeup which involves actors making themselves up to look like African-Americans by painting their faces with makeup. In minstrel shows, stereotypical behaviors of African-Americans were imitated on stage, often in a derogatory manner.

Often, players appeared on stage with artificially colored skin, wearing bushy wigs, dying their teeth white and highlighting their lips either bright orange or red.

It was reported as "the great hit of the year" in the Feb. 15, 1905, issue of The Whitworthian.

"Clean, wholesome, care-disposing fun," were some words used to characterize the event, which was put on by the "College Blacks," an all-white group of male students that included some of the school's very first international students.

Ivan Doseff, a man from Bulgaria, followed his older brother's

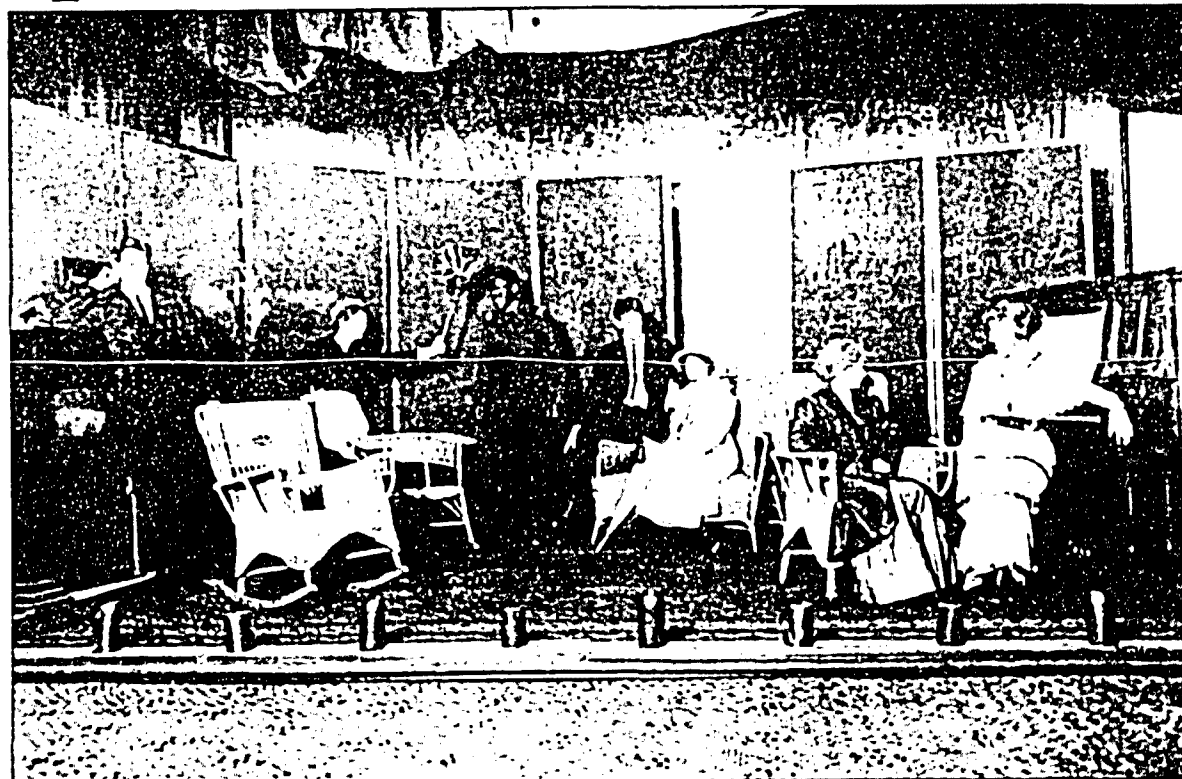


Photo from Whitworth archives

A student, known as Derkey, in blackface acts in a 1914 junior class play at Whitworth.

footsteps to Whitworth in 1901. He gained a reputation at Whitworth for great talent in art and athletics, as well as singing. He also performed in the Whitworth minstrel shows.

"Doseff's voice is heard to great advantage," reported the same article of the Bulgarian's voice.

In 1907, he performed his first solo. Singing "Love's Sorrow" Ivan received "generous applause" from the audience.

The early shows were held as nothing more than simple social events and some of them were designed as fund-raisers for the fledgling athletic department.

They also offered students time for light-hearted fun. Ushers made repeated trips to the stage to deliver bouquets of "alfalfa, turnips, beats and other vegetables" to the players from admiring spectators.

In 1906, senior Fred Metzger was a predominant player in Whitworth's minstrel shows. He man-

aged and directed many productions by the College Blacks, was an "insane baseball player," one of the football team's "best and most faithful" players and was even editor-in-chief of the then-fledgling Whitworthian.

Students performed in blackface aside from minstrel shows as well. In the 1914 Natsihi, a photo shows the junior class play, with one character designated as a "darkey." A female character in a maid costume coyly dusts his face off.

As the years rolled on, minstrel shows fell out of favor. Students stopped performing in them, and though there were still shows held on campus, they were usually put on by local acting troupes from Spokane.

While it may sound a bit surprising for students today to learn that a private, religious school such as Whitworth practiced blackface and held minstrel shows, some students aren't surprised at all.

"Considering the location and time that it occurred, I'm not surprised that Whitworth has a history of performing and endorsing it," junior Karla Rose said. "Organized religion has never been immune to prejudice."

Rose suggests that because of the social order of the era, ignorance as well as arrogance kept people from realizing the destructive nature of blackface, comparing it to the situation of Ku Klux Klan members, who honestly believed they were doing nothing wrong at all.

Blackface originated in the United States where it became extremely popular in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Many think that it was first performed in New York.

It quickly set the standard for solidifying images and perceptions of blacks as its popularity spread, even though it was

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Grapevine HUMOR



Things not to do while in an airport ...

- Say "hi" to your friend Jack.
- Experiment with Alka-Seltzer.
- Complain about the sharp edges sticking into your foot from your shoes.
- Mention that you work closely with radioactive materials.
- Tell an officer he's "da bomb."
- Try to wash your hair in the drinking fountain.
- Ask for a light.
- See how many tubes of travel-size toothpaste will fit into your carry-on bag.
- Demand an open seat for your invisible friend.
- Complain.

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Global worship engages students in international mission fields



Assistant professor of physics and club advisor, Kamesh Sankaran examines a map highlighting different missions countries visited at the Global Worship celebration last Thursday.

Blair Tellers
Staff writer

Last Thursday the Whitworth Missions Fellowship club hosted Global Worship in the Hixson Union Building which included worship, ethnic displays and the sharing of outreach experiences.

The club, whose aim is "for Jesus Christ to seep through this campus," is dedicated towards multiple outreach functions. The word "seep" in their mission statement stands for: send, equip, encourage and pray.

As stated on the club's display boards, the Whitworth Missions Fellowship is committed to "praying for the nations and missionaries around the world, raising awareness and supporting an sending (out) missions trips."

The event included many features, the primary one being the display tables set up by students who have participated in outreach trips around the world.

Sophomore Kathryn McIvor helped to prepare the Africa display table, where she sold handmade jewelry created by African women who have AIDS. According to McIvor, all of the proceeds went directly to the care and feeding of HIV-positive orphans in Ugandan orphanages. McIvor, who spent two weeks in Uganda with

"[It is] great to actually look at how many places our students have been and see what God is doing in various places of the world."

Kamesh Sankaran,
assistant professor of physics

a church group, explained that the fellowship event was about people coming together who are passionate about missions.

Senior Michael Vander Giessen also participated in the event, sharing his missions experience with the tribe of Benna Benna in Papua New Guinea. The most memorable aspect of his trip was seeing the believers and worshipping with them, and seeing how the gospel changed their lives, said Vander Giessen.

Junior Lydia Garth, president of Whitworth Missions Fellowship, oversaw the event. Garth, who has been on two outreach trips, talked about her visit to Mexico.

"One of the most memorable things about Mexico is that I saw that the body of Christ is bigger than America, and that the joy of serving Christ doesn't have to come from material things," Garth said.

Garth said even though the

friends she made in Mexico were poor, they were rich in spirit.

Other highlights of the event included live singing, ethnic foods and dress, music from around the world and slide shows of missions participants around the world. Placed in the center of one of the tables was a world map, with over twenty push pins in it. Each pin had the name of a person or persons who had traveled to that particular country and participated in missions activities.

"[It is] great to actually look at how many places our students have been and see what God is doing in various places of the world," said Kamesh Sankaran, assistant professor of physics and the club's advisor.

Senior Sarah Hennagin was one of the students to place a pushpin on the map. She spent nine-and-a-half weeks on a missions trip in France.

"One of the most memorable parts of my trip was learning to make coos coos with a little old lady from Algeria," Hennagin said. "She didn't speak English, so we had no way of communicating. We prayed for her."

Later in the afternoon live music, including bagpipes, was performed. Exceptional Praise, Whitworth's student gospel choir, also performed at the event.

MINSTRELS: Current performers influenced by blackface actors

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through a distorted lens.

As time passed however, African-Americans themselves took part in performing in minstrel shows, though they were still required to paint their faces black and dress up as any white performer would. Minstrel shows also commonly characterized devious Jews, White Southerners, drunk Irishmen, angry Scotsmen and Asians.

"It wasn't about black people. It was about stereotypes," Diana Trotter, associate professor of theatre, said of minstrel shows. "It was one venue for blacks to perform, as long as they were wearing blackface."

Trotter also said that it would have been hard for people to see

blackface as a terrible thing, especially when it was first becoming so popularized. She compared blackface to the "gender-bending" that takes place during Mock Rock.

Blackface eventually became an outlet for blacks to expose themselves to the professional acting world. It played a large part in what would later shape African-American music, comedy and dance.

Today, contemporary hip-hop and rap artists can thank those who used blackface to expose and popularize African-American culture in spite of its belittling legacy. Though it is no longer practiced at Whitworth, students can realize that not even this private, religious institution was free from the racial slurring that plagued the early years of the last century.

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central character of the narrative.

I suspended my disbelief and followed his strange perception of reality until it became all too strange and he was on the floor rocking his body side to side and trying to keep the mooing to a dull roar.

While Haddon's book raises many interesting questions regarding the issue of sanity, I was partly amused, disgusted and morally unsettled by this book. Haddon's descriptions are funny and at times I laughed out loud.

At the same time, things such as George's attempt at surgery and Jamie and Jean's explicit affairs made me somewhat queasy. Haddon's depiction of the minor character Eileen, Jean's evangelical sister and the only Christian in the story, is not favorable.

She is extremely narrow-minded and comes across as "holier-than-thou" to the rest of the family. However, the very instance in which Jamie imagines his aunt's internal judgment he himself is judging her and her Christian views.

I am not the type to think that all Christians are perfect by any means, but I was disappointed that the representation of them was so poor and singular in its scope. It is not the best piece of writing I have ever read, nor the worst but it did make me think.



BOOK REVIEW

A Spot of Bother

★★★

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Genre: Fiction

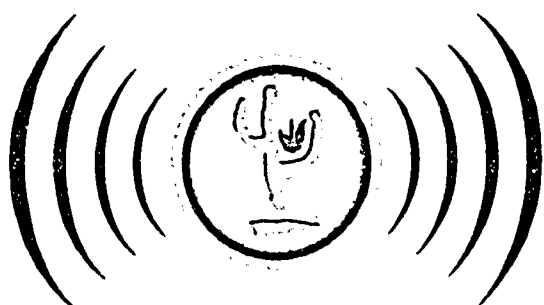
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Jesse Clark/Whitworthian

Whitworth sophomore Jermaine Esterlin steps on Azusa Pacific running back in the backfield. The Pirates topped the Cougars 17-14 after a fourth quarter field goal.

Justin Jose
Staff writer

Whitworth senior kicker Cameron Collings has ice in his veins. The clutch kicker topped another opponent with a 28-yard field goal to give the Pirates the 17-14 victory over the Azusa Pacific University Cougars.

Collings had help from senior quarterback Joel Clark, who continued his legacy with a drive to put the Pirates in position for the winning field goal.

Azusa Pacific began the contest by scoring on their first drive on a five-yard run by running back Marcus Lampkin. The Cougars took their short-lived 7-0 lead.

Following the kickoff, the Pirates took over on their 19-yard line. Clark

took the helm and Whitworth began their journey toward the end zone. Their 81-yard drive was highlighted by passes of 17 and 23 yards from Clark to senior tight end Michael Allan. Clark finished off the drive with a 9-yard quarterback keeper for the tying score.

Due to an earlier injury to Cougars starting quarterback Rudy Carlton, backup Ryan Bridges was forced into service. On the second play of the next drive, the Cougars coughed up the ball.

Carlton received a high snap and the ball sailed over his head where junior defensive back Phil Entel recovered it. The giveaway was gold for the Pirates because, two plays later, junior running back Kyle Havercroft drove

into the end zone from five yards out.

Azusa took over and, once again, turned the ball over. The Pirates took over in Cougars territory and looked to capitalize. The drive looked promising when Clark hit junior defensive back and converted wide receiver Jay Tully for a 12-yard gain. An ensuing penalty moved the Pirates back before Clark fumbled giving the ball back to Azusa Pacific.

The Cougars moved the ball into Pirate territory but the drive stalled and the Cougar punting unit came out and caught the Pirates inside their 10-yard line. With 4:02 left in the half, Clark and the Pirates drove down into Cougar territory highlighted by a 31-yard connection with Tully.

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Bryan Whitmore/Whitworthian

Whitworth sophomore forward Whitney Ramsey dribbles the ball through her opponents last Saturday against Pacific Lutheran University. The Pirates came back from a one-goal deficit to defeat the Lutes 2-1. The Pirates will take a 4-1-1 NWC record to Lewis & Clark College and Whitman College next weekend.

Pirates top PLU, tie UPS

After OT, Pirates come away with a 1-1 tie to No. 17 Loggers

Elise Page
Staff writer

Over the past weekend, the Pirates took on the Pacific Lutheran University Lutes and the University of Puget Sound Loggers and won 2-1 against the Lutes and tied 1-1 with the Loggers.

Last Saturday, the Lutes took the lead early in the second half when PLU's Jackie Oehmcke scored a corner kick near the top of the box against Whitworth junior goalkeeper Leah Motz.

The score remained 1-0 until junior forward Greta Thibodeau crossed to sophomore forward Penelope Crowe to tie the game in the 82nd minute.

"It was great to score again this weekend. We're all playing really strong and had a good response to PLU's first goal," Crowe said.

Six minutes after Crowe's goal, junior midfielder Jael Hagerott scored the winning goal, a second match-winning goal for her in as many matches.

"We really proved that a one-point deficit doesn't get us down in the game. It's hard to discourage our team. We're very determined," freshman midfielder Lindsey Oakes said.

The Pirates outshot the Lutes 11-6 in the contest.

"The end of the game was really exciting. We pushed

hard and you could tell that we wanted it. We found it in ourselves to score and be determined," junior midfielder Erin Nakasone said.

Last Sunday, the girls took on the UPS Loggers and drew a 1-1 tie after double overtime. UPS took the lead early in the game when the Loggers' Caroline Milleon scored nine minutes in.

Thirty-two minutes into the first half, Crowe was awarded a penalty kick that almost scored but bounced off the cross bar and got knocked out.

Senior midfielder Meghan Johnson also had an opportunity to score when she headed a ball, but it also was knocked off the cross bar.

Thibodeau scored the goal to tie the game in the 73rd minute off of a deflection that was slotted into the far post.

The game ended after an overtime draw to bring Whitworth's record at 6-1-2 and 4-1-1 in the Northwest Conference.

"Today was a tough, but we played really well. It was good to come away with a point today because the Loggers are a great team. It was also great to be at home and get support from the fans," Crowe said.

Next weekend, the Pirates will be away battling with the Lewis & Clark College Pioneers in Portland and the Whitman College Missionaries in Walla Walla.

"We're on the road next week, and we're only getting stronger," Crowe said. "The rest of the season is going to be really exciting."

"It's hard to discourage our team. We're very determined."

Lindsey Oakes,
Midfielder

Freshman makes impact

KT Pridgen
Staff writer

Freshman cross country runner Dusty Caseria had a goal coming into his first college season with the Pirates: He wanted to be a scoring runner on the team by consistently placing in the top-five of the team.

He has reached his goal and beyond, running third for the Pirates in the first meet of the season and first in the past two.

Caseria was a runner from an early age.

"We used to have a fun-run fundraiser at my elementary school and I always did pretty good at that," Caseria said. "My dad told me I'd be good at cross country. It just kind of stuck because I always thought I'd run cross country."

Through his four years at Sehome High School in Bellingham, Wash. he did run cross country. Choosing to attend Whitworth after high school was not a difficult decision.

"I knew a lot of people who said good things about it," Caseria said. "My mom and I went on a trip visiting colleges and Whitworth was the first stop. It was a perfect fit. None of the other colleges had the same perfect feel."

The cross country program was also a big attraction to Caseria.

"Talking to Toby (Schwarz), the cross country program really seemed to be growing. It's fun to be on a team that's up and coming," Caseria said.

Caseria handled the difficult transition from high school cross country to college cross country well.

"The first few practices were rough," Caseria said. "It's drier and a little bit higher up here and the workouts are longer and harder. Things started getting better after about a week of getting used to things."

One of the more difficult transitions for many freshmen men is the change in race length from a 5k to an 8k. The longer courses fit Caseria's running style better than the shorter ones.

"I like going out slower. 8k gives me more time to move up and works well for me," Caseria said.

In fact, at the Sundodger Invitational on Sept. 16, Caseria passed the 5k mark in a time that almost matched his fastest 5k time from high school.

The camaraderie among teammates has been one aspect of cross country that Caseria has enjoyed this year.

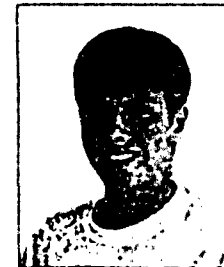
"I met with (junior) Bryan Jones and (senior) Jeff Grassley a couple of times over the summer, but I only knew five or six guys coming into the season," Caseria said. "The first week and a half the team spent all day together and we got really close. They're all great guys and we get along well."

Caseria was also impressed by the dedication of the Whitworth cross country team.

"They're fast because they work hard," Caseria. "I was really surprised by their work ethic."

The team will need that dedication if they are to achieve their goal this season of winning conference and going to nationals.

"They're lofty goals, but if we work hard, I think we could achieve them," Caseria said.



CASERIA

Pirates get swept in Tacoma

Sara Morehouse
Staff writer

The Whitworth volleyball team got a taste of victory two weekends ago when they beat the George Fox University Bruins, but they couldn't relive that feeling last weekend in Tacoma when they faced Pacific Lutheran University and University of Puget Sound.



FLORENCE

The Pirates faced UPS last Friday night. The team's bus would not start when they were leaving their hotel for the match. Logger coaches and team staff were able to drive the Pirates to their destination, but the match was delayed 45 minutes. The ordeal left the team scrambled, said junior middle blocker Amy Newton.

"We started strong, but we were tired and stressed out," Newton said.

The Loggers won in three games 30-25, 30-26 and 30-17. Senior outside hitter Angie Florence

led the Pirates with five kills in the first game, leading to 13 kills as a team, but the Loggers prevailed.

In response to the Pirates, the Loggers stepped up their offense in the second game, collecting 17 kills as a team and leading on the scoreboard for all of game three. Sophomore outside hitter Nikki Bardwell said that once an opposing team is up, they have trouble stopping them.

"We have a tendency to let people get runs on us," Bardwell said. "We are a really capable team, we just need to put together the pieces of the puzzle."

Both UPS and Whitworth gathered 35 kills in the match. Sophomore middle blocker Holly Tomlin led the Pirates with 10 kills. Florence contributed 16 digs and sophomore defensive specialist Holly Ridings had a match high of 23 assists.

Saturday's match against PLU gave the Pirates a chance to play against a team tied for the top position in the Northwest Conference with a current record of 6-0. Whitworth forced PLU to a fourth game, yet still lost the match 30-14, 22-30, 30-13, 31-29.

The Pirates held the Lutes to a negative hit-

ting percentage and blocked better at the net to win their only game of the weekend. Whitworth almost forced a fifth game, but the Lutes took advantage of Whitworth's three attack errors and three ball-handling errors to win the match.

"It was heart wrenching," Newton said.

Senior outside hitter Nicole Vander Meulen led the Pirates with 12 kills, with Florence coming in close behind with 10.

Vander Meulen said that the team needs more offense as a whole and hopes that the good play they had this weekend will continue into this week's matches.

"We need to maintain the intensity and spirit we had against PLU," Vander Meulen said.

In the few days before their next match, Bardwell said that they are going to work on their talking as a team.

"We've been working a lot on our communication. We need to let each other know what we are doing," Bardwell said.

Whitworth's current standings are 2-4 in the conference and 3-14 overall.

The Pirates hit the hardwood again tomorrow night in the Fieldhouse at 6 p.m. when they play Whitman College.

SCOREBOARD

Football

Whitworth 17, Azusa Pacific 14
Azusa Pacific 7 7 0 0 - 14
Whitworth 14 0 0 3 - 17

PASSING: Bridges (AP) 9-18, 99; Clark (WH) 10-16, 176
RUSHING: Lampkin (AP) 21-84; Clark (WH) 18-66
RECEIVING: Lughill (AP) 3-30; Allan (WH) 3-56
TACKLES: Zeno (AP) 11; Clifton (WH) 8

Men's Soccer

Whitworth 2, Pacific Lutheran 0
PLU 0 0 - 0
Whitworth 0 2 - 2

PLU: None

Whitworth: Flournoy, Friesen

Whitworth 0, Puget Sound 0
UPS 0 0 0 0 - 0
Whitworth 0 0 0 0 - 0

UPS: None

Whitworth: None

Women's Soccer

Whitworth 2, Pacific Lutheran 1
PLU 0 1 - 1
Whitworth 0 2 - 2

PLU: Vanden Box

Whitworth: Crowe, Hagerott

Whitworth 1, Puget Sound 1

UPS 1 0 0 0 - 1
Whitworth 0 1 0 0 - 1

UPS: Milleson

Whitworth: Thibodeau

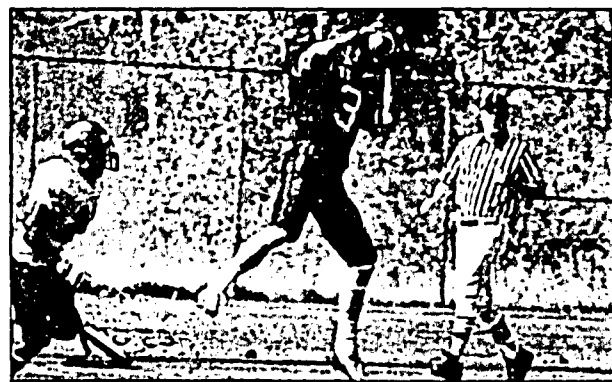
Volleyball

Puget Sound def. Whitworth 30-25, 30-26, 30-17
Whitworth 25 26 17
Puget Sound 30 30 30

KILLS: Tomlin (WH) 10; Three players (UPS) 8
BLOCKS: Stark (WH) 3; Groves (UPS) 3
ASSISTS: Ridings (WH) 26; Harvey (UPS) 19
DIGS: Florence (WH) 16; Eggers (UPS) 19
ACES: Moore (WH) 2; Groves (UPS) 4

Pacific Lutheran def. Whitworth 30-14, 22-30, 30-13, 31-29
Whitworth 14 30 13 29
Pac. Lutheran 30 22 30 31

KILLS: Vander Meulen (WH) 12; Matz (PLU) 3
BLOCKS: Tomlin (WH) 3; Hyslop (PLU) 3
ASSISTS: Ridings (WH) 36; Di Maggio (PLU) 28
DIGS: Moore (WH) 23; Kozel (PLU) 24
ACES: Hays (WH) 3; McGinn (PLU) 7



Junior Jay Tully reaches out for a catch Saturday during a 17-14 win over Azusa Pacific.

THRILLER

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Yet another fumble by Clark changed the momentum to across the field to Azusa Pacific. This time Azusa capitalized on the turnover and tied the game on a 33-yard swing pass from Bridges to Lampkin right before the half came to a close.

The second half produced the opposite of the first half: A defensive struggle featuring punt after punt.

The Cougars and Pirates took to the ground in the second half with numerous rushes by the backfield, but the Cougars and Pirates defenses became stingy. Azusa Pacific had the opportunity to take the lead with a 40-yard field goal in the third quarter. Cougars kicker Ben Hansen booted the attempt wide right, giving the ball back to the Pirates.

Punts by both teams turned the game into a battle for field position.

With 6:20 left in the fourth, junior defensive back Ryan Marshall fielded the Cougars punt with a fair catch on the Pirate five-yard line. With the game of field position, Azusa Pacific looked to have an advantage. Despite the setback, Whitworth head coach John Tully remained calm.

"My mindset was simple: Joel was going to lead us down the field and we were going to get the win," Tully said.

Clark, who led the game-winning drive inside two minutes last weekend, once again drove his teammates downfield for the winning score.

Coach Tully's confidence in Clark is evident.

"Joel comes up big for us," Tully said. "He marches the team downfield and sets up Cam's (Collings) winning kick."

Collings again defined clutch and kicked a 28-yard field goal for the 17-14 lead.

Azusa Pacific got the ball back with 2:57, but the Pirate defense rose to the occasion with an interception by sophomore defensive end Jermaine Easterlin. Two timeouts and an injury to senior Pirate center Jon Erlenmeyer gave the Cougars had one more chance to score, but they failed to move the ball after four tries, allowing the Pirate offense to run out the clock.

The defensive struggle was apparent as the Pirates finished the contest with 280 yards of offense while the Cougars countered with 250 yards. Clark led the Pirates with 176 yards passing, completing 10 passes on 16 attempts.

The Pirates rushing attack grounded out 137 yards with Clark running for 66 yards and a score, while Havercroft ran for 29 yards and a score. Azusa was led by Marcus Lampkin's one touchdown and 84 yards rushing.

The Pirate defense produced another gritty performance by creating three turnovers. Junior linebacker Casey Clifton led Whitworth with eight tackles.

Whitworth improves their record to 4-0 while Azusa fell to 1-4. The Pirates' face conference foe Pacific Lutheran University next Saturday in Tacoma.

Sports BRIEFS

Madden curse strikes: MVP injured

Seattle Seahawks running back Shaun Alexander became another victim of the Madden curse when doctors found a fracture in his foot last week. The Madden curse is named after the popular EA Sports video game series, where the player featured on the cover of the game has either been injured, had career lows the following season, or other oddities occur. Philadelphia Eagles Donovan McNabb was the previous victim.

Owens taken to hospital after overdose of pills

Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Terrell Owens was rushed to the hospital last week when he overdosed on pain killers. Paramedics who questioned him in the ambulance thought Owens had attempted suicide after a friend called him "depressed." Owens claims it was accidental after he had taken the pain killers with other supplements after a work-out. His publicist, Kim Etheredge who claims it was accidental, was the one who made the 9-1-1 phone call.

Ex-Duke star attempts to comeback

Jay Williams, a former guard for the Chicago Bulls, is trying to make a comeback after crashing his motorcycle into a light pole three years ago. The accident fractured his pelvis and tore ligaments in his knee, forcing him to stay in the hospital for three months. Williams is interested in joining the New Jersey Nets and has joined them at their training camp.

Woods wins sixth-straight tournament

Tiger Woods continued his winning streak, winning his sixth-straight PGA Tour event. Woods won easily, shooting 23-under par for the tournament and sealing a eight-stroke victory over Adam Scott who finished second. Woods matched his previous longest winning streak of six, which he completed in 2000. Byron Nelson, who passed away last week, holds the record of 11-straight tournament wins, set in 1945. Woods is now fifth all time in career wins with 54 and is the only active player with more than 40 wins. Woods has said he will now go on vacation by traveling to his home in Florida.

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Football

	NWC	ALL
Linfield	1-0	1-2
PLU	1-0	1-3
Willamette	1-1	1-4
Whitworth	0-0	4-0
L&C	0-0	0-3
UPS	0-1	3-1
Menlo	0-1	2-2

Next Pirate game:
Whitworth at Pacific Lutheran
Saturday, Oct. 7 @ 1:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer

	NWC	ALL
Willamette	6-0-0	9-0-1
Whitworth	4-1-1	6-1-2
UPS	3-1-2	5-1-3
PLU	3-2-1	6-3-1
George Fox	2-3-1	4-5-1
Whitman	1-2-3	1-3-3
Linfield	1-3-2	3-5-2
L&C	1-4-1	3-6-1
Pacific	0-5-1	2-5-2

Next Pirate game:
Whitworth at Lewis & Clark
Friday, Oct. 6 @ 4 p.m.

Men's Soccer

	NWC	ALL
Whitworth	3-1-2	4-3-3
UPS	3-0-1	6-0-1
PLU	3-1-0	6-3-0
Linfield	2-1-2	5-2-2
Pacific	2-2-1	5-2-1
Whitman	1-3-2	2-3-2
George Fox	1-3-1	5-3-2
Willamette	0-4-1	1-8-1

Next Pirate game:
Whitworth at Whitman
Saturday, Oct. 6 @ 6:30 p.m.

Volleyball

	NWC	ALL
Linfield	6-0	13-0
PLU	6-0	12-4
UPS	4-2	9-4
L&C	4-2	6-10
Whitman	3-3	7-7
Whitworth	2-4	3-14
Pacific	1-4	4-11
George Fox	0-5	3-12
Willamette	0-6	3-12

Next Pirate game:
Whitworth vs. Whitman
Wednesday, Oct. 4 @ 6 p.m.

Player of
THE WEEK

Jael Hagerott
Midfielder

Netted second game-winning goal in 2-1 win over PLU last Saturday

Pirates win, tie against PLU, UPS

Pirates earn 0-0 tie with No. 8 Puget Sound

Colin Storm
Sports Editor

Looking to avenge a tough trip to Oregon, the Whitworth Pirates men's soccer team hosted a pair of Tacoma schools to try to get back on the right track.

Last Saturday, the Pirates hosted the Pacific Lutheran University Lutes, who came into the match 5-2, with one of those losses at the hands of Div. II Western Washington University.

Neither team scored in the first half, though the Pirates outshot the Lutes 7-3 in the opening half.

But 10 minutes into the second half, junior forward Curtis Flournoy found the back of the net after a scramble in the box for his first goal of the season. Junior midfielder Brent Murakami picked up the assist after finding Flournoy with a pass.

In the 75th minute, PLU had a good chance when Lute forward Baard Asker came down the left side with a defender to his side. Whitworth goalkeeper Kevin Bostock came out to cut off the angle, so Asker tried to chip it over Bostock's head and into the goal. Bostock got a hand on the ball and deflected it over the cross bar for a corner kick.

The Pirates cleared the kick and five minutes later found themselves with a corner kick of their own. The Pirates worked the corner kick to perfection, as senior midfielder Ali Seyedali sent the ball to the far post and found junior midfielder Matt Friesen who fired the ball past Lute goalkeeper Andrew Croft for an insurance goal and a 2-0 lead.

The Pirates held on to beat the Lutes by the same 2-0 score.

Last Sunday, Whitworth took on University of Puget Sound, who is currently ranked No. 8 in the nation. The game proved to be a defensive battle as neither team could find the back of the net. But both teams had their chances in the second half.

With 22 minutes left to play, the Loggers' Jeremy Denman took a shot from the right side that Bostock dove to make the save. Then, in the 82nd minute, Seyedali had a free kick opportunity that Logger goalkeeper Pete Van Sant



Thomas Robinson/Whitworthian

Senior forward Chris Johnson looks to attack the Pacific Lutheran University defense last Saturday. The Pirates defeated the Lutes 2-0.

had to jump and tip over the cross bar. After the ensuing corner, senior forward Chris Johnson took a pass near the top of the box, turned left and fired a low shot that beat Van Sant, but skidded just wide left.

Once again, the Loggers found themselves with an opportunity and once again Bostock came up with a save. Jason Sisneros came down the right side and fired a shot that Bostock deflected out of bounds for a corner kick.

The second half without a goal, so the Loggers and Pirates went to Golden Goal overtime.

The first overtime was dominated by the Pirates. Right off the opening kick, Johnson dribbled down and was taken down just outside the box. Seyedali had another chance at a free kick, but this one was wide left.

In the 96th minute, Flournoy found the ball on his foot with nobody but Van Sant to beat, but took an extra touch that Van Sant came out

and got.

From there, the Loggers and Pirates played mostly in the midfield and the game ended in a 0-0 draw.

"This was huge for our confidence to come out and play well," senior defender Adam Loeffler said. "It was an even match; both teams played well."

Bostock picked up his second and third shut-outs of the season.

"We had a great team effort," Loeffler said of the defense. "We've gotten back and that's what it takes to play good defense."

The Pirates moved to 3-1-2 in the NWC and 4-3-3 overall and extended their home match unbeaten streak to 19 during NWC play. They travel next Saturday to Walla Walla to take on the Whitman College Missionaries at 6:30 p.m. and do not return home until October 21-22 when they take on Pacific University and Linfield College.

CONFERENCE BRIEFS

Football

Pacific Lutheran University beat cross-town rivals University of Puget Sound 32-28 to open NWC play for both teams. Lutes quarterback Brett Gordon completed 20 of 37 passes for 336 yards to lead PLU back from a 21-0 second quarter deficit. Craig Chiado led the Lutes in receiving with 210 yards, including a 65-yard touchdown strike from Gordon.

Men's Soccer

With just under five minutes left in the first half, the Pacific Lutheran University Lutes' Andy Stolz sent a 50-yard free kick into the box, which was headed into the back of the net by teammate Erik Gracey past Whitman College goalkeeper Brett Axelrod. The Lutes won the match 1-0 to return to Tacoma with a win and a loss on their Eastern Washington trip. PLU held a 14-11 advantage in the shots and a 4-2 advantage in shots on goal. The Missionaries fell to 1-3-2 in the NWC, while the Lutes improved to 3-1.

Women's Soccer

The Willamette University Bearcats extended their unbeaten streak to 10 games this past week, defeating the George Fox University Bruins 2-0 last Wednesday and the Linfield College Wildcats 1-0 last Sunday. Bearcat defender Samantha Post scored the only goal of the match off a corner kick. Meghan Anderson sent the corner kick to Jessica Lammers, who sent the pass across the box to the right side where Post sent it back into the left corner of the net. The Bearcats, who are currently ranked No. 6 in the nation, have only allowed two goals this season. The last goal given up was in a 3-1 win at Whitworth.

Volleyball

The George Fox University Bruins threatened to end Linfield College's unbeaten season when they pushed the seventh-ranked Wildcats to five games. But Linfield proved to be too strong, pulling out a 23-30, 30-22, 27-30, 30-19, 15-5 win behind Lauren Kreiger's game-high 16 kills. In the fifth and deciding game, the Wildcats jumped out to a 12-3 lead to ensure that their unbeaten streak would continue. Elizabeth Anderson led the Bruins with a triple-double: 13 kills, 10 digs and 10 blocks.

under the LIGHTS

with **Jon Erlenmeyer**
center

Leadership
"He's one of the nicest guys on the team. He brings everybody together and always has a smile on his face," teammate Steve Honeyman said

Reliable
"He'll stick it all out there and do what's best for the team ... you know he'll get the job done without any question," teammate Andrew Zugner said

Dedication
"Jon's one of the hardest-working guys on the team. He pushes everyone and himself ... he's always drenched in sweat," Honeyman said

Erlenmeyer, who has been a starter for two years, is one of the best centers coach John Tully has ever had according to the Season Outlook.

FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Wildcats seek sixth-straight title

Colin Storm
Sports Editor

The Linfield College Wildcats, despite losing head coach Jay Locey to the Oregon State University Beavers, 2005 Players of the Year Brett Elliott, Brandon Olson and Josh Ort, and three All-American wide receivers, were voted by the coaches to win their sixth-straight NWC championship and extend their record of the nations longest winning streak. The Whitworth Pirates will look to dethrone the Wildcats behind an experienced offense and a talented defense. The Willamette University Bearcats and Pacific Lutheran University Lutes will also look to be contenders for the NWC championship. Here are some faces to watch this season:

Offense:

Joel ClarkWHITWORTH

The four-year starter for Whitworth looks to direct the high-powered Pirate attack in the air and on the ground. Clark is currently second in the NWC in passing yards per game (202) and rushing yards per game (66), while leading the NWC in total offensive yards per game (269) and pass efficiency.

Craig ChiadoPACIFIC LUTHERAN

The First Team All-NWC junior leads the NWC in receptions per game (8) and receiving yards per game (116). Chiado will count on quarterback Brett Gordon, who leads the NWC in passing yards per game (230).

Michael AllanWHITWORTH

Allan is a two-time First Team All-NWC pick, a pre-season All-American and looks to be on the receiving end of many of Clark's passes. Allan has drawn the looks of many NFL scouts with his big frame and ability to make the big play. Allan averages nearly 17 yards per reception and has three touchdowns on the season.

Rory LeePUGET SOUND

Lee currently leads the NWC in rushing yards, averaging over 103 yards per game. The senior running back is a two-time First Team All-NWC selection for the Loggers and leads the University of Puget Sound offense attack. Lee is the top-returning running back in the NWC from last season.

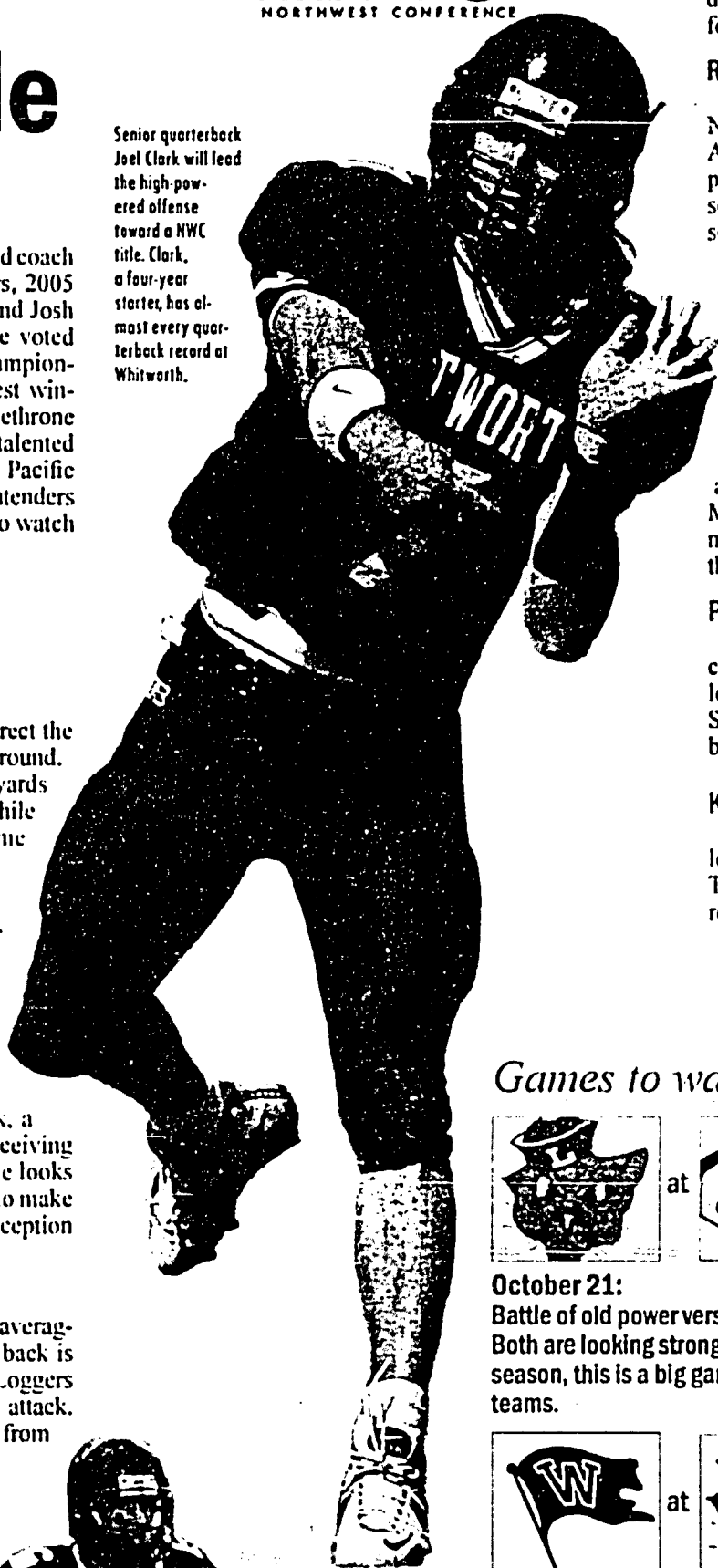
Trevor ScharerLINFIELD

The junior quarterback looks to repeat history when he tries to become the fifth-straight Wildcat quarterback to be a First Team All-NWC pick. Scharer, who started the season as a back-up, led Linfield to a 42-14 win last Saturday going 21 of 29 for 338 yards and three TD's, including a 94-yard touchdown pass.

Jake LuceyLINFIELD

Lucey looks to hold the defenses to give new quarterback Trevor Scharer more time to find open receivers and to pave the way for the slew of running backs that share time for the Wildcats. Lucey was named to the First Team All-NWC team last season as a junior and was named a pre-season All-American this season.

Senior quarterback Joel Clark will lead the high-powered offense toward a NWC title. Clark, a four-year starter, has almost every quarterback record at Whitworth.



Pre-season All-American defensive back Ryan Marshall, a junior, has played a major role in the Pirates' success this season.

Defense:

Michael GreenbergLINFIELD

The three-time First Team All-NWC defensive lineman will look to lead the Wildcat defense, who is second in red zone defense, to another NWC title. The Linfield defense held the Willamette Bearcats to 14 points, forcing four fumbles and an interception.

Ryan MarshallWHITWORTH

Marshall, a junior, was selected to the First Team All-NWC team last season and was named a pre-season All-American. He is tied with teammate Jay Tully for the most passes defended (5) and interceptions (2) in the NWC this season. He also has 11 tackles and five assisted tackles this season for the Pirates.

Casey CliftonWHITWORTH

Clifton, a linebacker, has averaged eight tackles per game this season, with 32 tackles (15 solo) through four games. As a junior, Clifton was selected to the All-NWC First Team.

Steve MartinPUGET SOUND

The senior linebacker leads the Loggers in tackles and is second in the league with 11 per game (44 total). Martin leads the Logger defense as they have the second most sacks of all defenses and currently allow the fewest third down conversions.

Phillip SweetWILLAMETTE

Sweet, a junior linebacker for the Willamette Bearcats, currently averages over 7 tackles a game, as the Bearcats look to improve on their second-place finish a season ago. Sweet is also second in the NWC with two recovered fumbles in five games.

Keone TawataLINFIELD

The senior currently leads the league with over 11 tackles per game and has forced a league-leading two fumbles. Tawata had 15 tackles, two interceptions and one fumble recovery last Saturday against the Willamette Bearcats.

Games to watch:



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October 21:
Battle of old power versus new power. Both are looking strong to start the season, this is a big game for both teams.



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October 28:
The Pirates host the Bearcats in a battle between two teams that have finished just behind Linfield the past two seasons.



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November 4:
This could be the game for the NWC Championship. Will the Wildcats win their sixth-straight? Or will the experienced Pirates win their first since 2001?

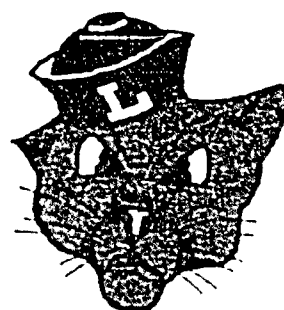


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November 11:
Could be the battle for third and fourth place in the NWC, but if all goes well for both teams, the stakes could be higher.

Predicted Finish:



Linfield Wildcats
WHITWORTH PIRATES
Willamette Bearcats
Pacific Lutheran Lutes
Puget Sound Loggers
Menlo Oaks
Lewis & Clark Pioneers

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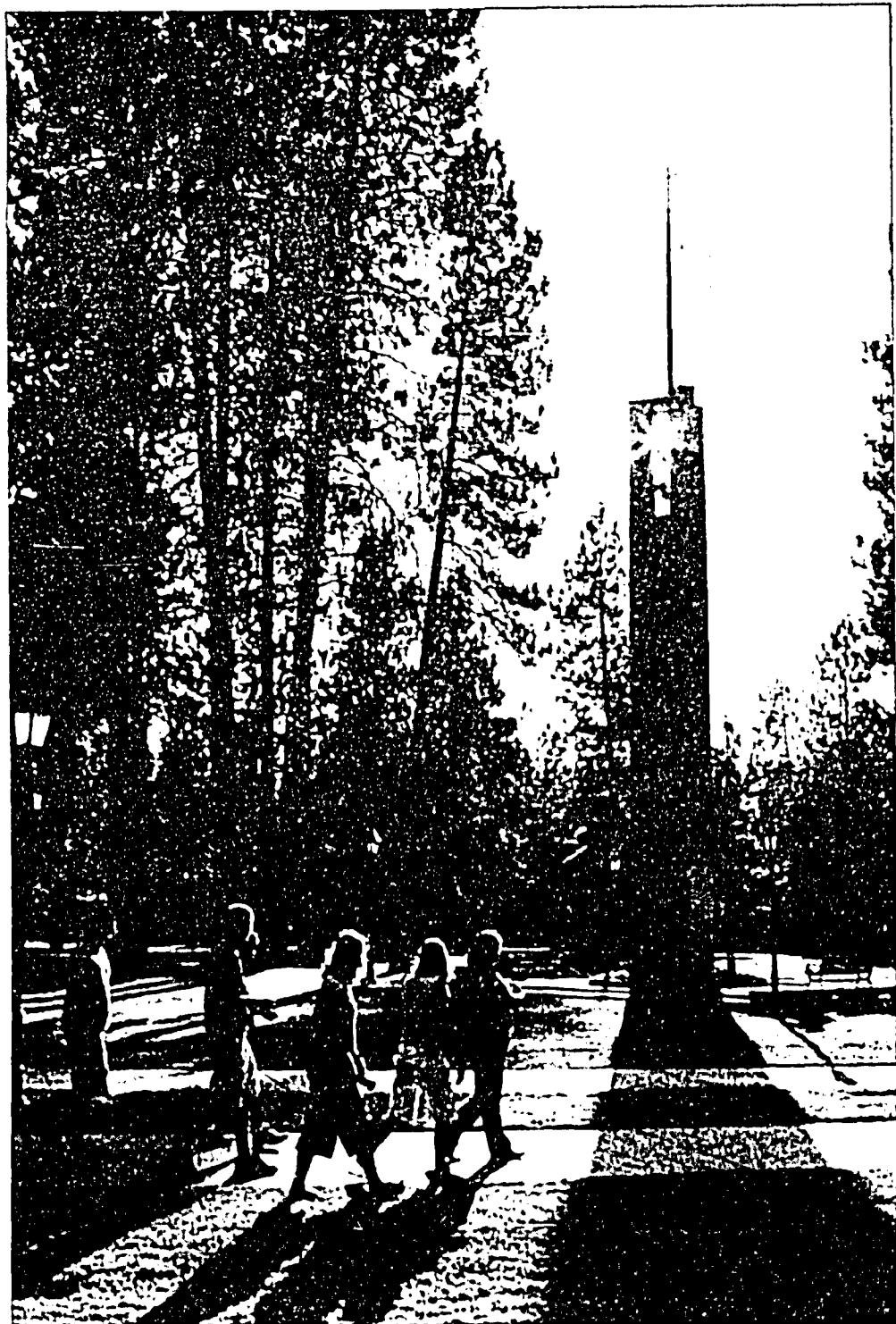
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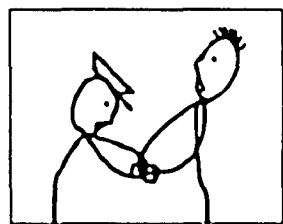
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- Frank Lassee

Wisconsin state legislator, in response to the three school shootings last week

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Photo Illustration by Thomas Robinson Whitworthian

A student reaches for a six-pack of beer at a local store in this photo illustration. On and off-campus drinking is a regular activity among some Whitworth students.

Drinking scene pushed underground

James Spung
Staff writer

Whitworth offers students a chance to belong to a wide variety of communities. A community exists, however, that is rarely acknowledged or discussed as a part of Whitworth student life: the drinking scene.

"Among some students, I feel there is a drinking problem," junior Ozzie Crocco said. "It's like this. Some kids drink for maybe a semester and then realize it's hurting them academically. Then some kids never get it."

Crocco admitted that he drank often during his freshman year.

"In my experience, I was welcomed into that community and

all those upperclassmen would see me and greet me and be like, 'Hey Ozzie, you were crazy the other night,' and I'd be like, 'Yeah I was,'" Crocco said.

Crocco estimated that around 10 to 15 percent of Whitworth students drink and party almost every weekend.

The drinking community at Whitworth is nowhere near as prevalent as it is at larger schools, especially state schools like Washington State University or the University of Washington.

"Whitworth parties are really clean. The scene is a lot more, for lack of a better word, wary of police," said Jamin Palmer, a 2004 Whitworth graduate. "Parties are a lot tamer than the parties you find

at the state schools."

Despite the smaller party population, the community still tends to be tightly knit and secretive.

"The party scene is really underground," Palmer said, recalling his experiences at Whitworth. "It's something that's not even spoken about, unless you know somebody at a personal level and know that you can bring them to a party and they'll be cool."

Palmer continued that there is always a "select group of people" at parties, which normally occur near the campus on the weekends. Among this group is a wide variety of students, including some athletes and underage drinkers.

"Quite often it was the off-season athletes that showed up," Matt

Moore, a 2005 Whitworth graduate, said. "Other than that, it was a fairly mixed-bag. There were a lot of international students coming over. You try your best to keep the underage kids out, but if they really want to get in, they'll find a way. It's a broad spectrum of kids at Whitworth."

Palmer confirmed that some off-season athletes came to parties during his time at Whitworth.

"I've seen athletes, after a soccer game or baseball game, come to celebrate. When they're in season, it was a lot harder for them to hear about it or go to the party. It's a lot more hush-hush," Palmer said.

Athletes sign a contract that,

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Admissions fails to recruit Arabs in past ten years

Jessica Davis
News editor



OVERLOOKED

A SERIES EXAMINING THOSE WHO DO NOT COME TO WHITWORTH

Despite national efforts to bring Saudi students to the United States, Whitworth administrators have not recruited Arab students in the last 10 years.

"Since 1992, there really haven't been any Arab students," said Gary Whisenand, director of institutional research. As to why, he did not know.

Nationally, thousands of students from Saudi Arabia are enrolling on college campuses across the United States this semester under a new educational exchange program initiated by President George W. Bush and Saudi King Abdullah, according to a

Sept. 10 Associated Press article.

Gonzaga University currently hosts around 70 Saudi students, Gonzaga student Erik Hegelson confirmed. Spokane Falls Community College also has several Saudi students enrolled in its English as a Second Language program. Whitworth, on the other hand, has none.

Director of the new international education center Sue Jackson attributes the lack of Arab student enrollment to a list of acceptable colleges made by the Saudi government. Students who choose schools on this list receive full scholarships from the Kingdom's royal family.

"We used to be on that list, but we are not anymore. I do not know what

happened," Jackson said. "As we speak, we are getting back onto it."

However, there was a time when Whitworth enrolled several students from Saudi Arabia.

In 1981, 42 Saudi students were enrolled at Whitworth. By 1982, that number had dropped to 35. While there are no records for 1983, by 1984 only five Saudi students and one United Arab Emirates student were coming to Whitworth. By the early 1990s, only a few were coming, according to Whitworth's 10-day reports.

Professor of politics John Yoder was one of six faculty members and administrators interviewed that could

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College works to close gender gap

Megan Rieger
Staff writer

Escorting two ladies to the formal orientation dinner was not an easy task for freshman Mike Peterson.

"It was awkward. I didn't know which one to talk with first. I'm glad I didn't have three," Peterson said.

Peterson is not the only person who is noticing the gender gap on college campuses. At Whitworth, the male-to-female ratio has been consistently around 40-60 for the past five years.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, women have been leading men in undergraduate enrollment since 1978, and that trend will continue into the future. By 2014, women's undergraduate enrollment is projected to increase by 21 percent while men's enrollment will increase by 12 percent.

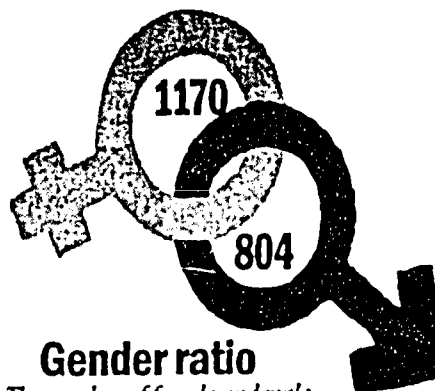
Even in the face of those national trends, Fred Pfursich, dean of admissions, remains optimistic about the college's goal to achieve and maintain a male-to-female gender ratio of 45-55.

"We thought it was realistic and we thought it was a good goal to have," Pfursich said.

The 45-55 gender ratio is one of the benchmarks in Whitworth's 2005-2010 strategic plan.

To achieve that benchmark, the college's strategy is to examine academic programs likely to draw male students, Dale Soden, professor of history, said. Soden heads the strategic planning committee.

"We do recognize that some majors are more attractive to certain genders than others," Soden said. "That knowledge gives us another



reason to invest money, faculty and resources to try to strengthen these programs."

Pfursich admitted that a liberal arts school like Whitworth is likely to struggle with recruiting male students.

"Other than our School of Global Commerce and Management, we don't have any one academic major that has traditionally been a male magnet," Pfursich said.

While Whitworth accepts men and women in proportions roughly equal to their presence in the applicant pool, other colleges do not.

At Wheaton College, men made up not quite 40 percent of last year's applicants, yet nearly half of those admitted. The result of admitting an equal share of male and female applicants is apparent in Wheaton's 2005 freshman class, as there are four more men than women.

Maintaining the equal gender balance at Wheaton is a goal, not set as college policy, Wheaton registrar Paul Johnson said.

"There have been years when we've as many

as 52 percent women, but that's as high as it's ever been in the 21 years I've been here," Johnson said. "We're a selective college, so there is some latitude in choosing the gender composition of our incoming classes."

Senior Amber Matthai disagrees with Wheaton's admission methods.

"You shouldn't base your admissions decision on those things people have no control over, like gender and race, but you do have control over how hard you work in high school," Matthai said.

The gender gap is obvious to junior Stefan Robinson who sees the difference in his classes.

"My art class that I'm currently in has one other guy, plus Scott Kolbo, in a class of about 27," Robinson said.

But even then, Robinson says he has never felt in the minority.

"I've noticed the difference, but I've never felt like that was detrimental with me connecting with my fellow students," Robinson said.

From the admissions standpoint, two main steps have been taken to increase the number of males applying to Whitworth. One is the dean's priority application, which does not require essays.

"The fast application was a strategy that has helped us increase our pool of applicants," Soden said. "In general, men seem less inclined to want to write essays, but we have also seen more females apply as well."

The second is increasing the amount of males the admissions office recruits. The college purchases names of prospective students based on certain criteria.

"We're very aware of our gender balance not being as healthy as we want it," Pfursich said.

Students petition ASWC decision

Tim Takechi
Staff writer

The club supporting Republican senatorial candidate Mike McGavick approved by ASWC on Sept. 27 may be revoked.

Off-campus representative Bobby Walston and cultural events coordinator Delia Orosco will petition to the students a referendum to reject ASWC's decision to charter a club that supports McGavick.

Walston opposes the decision because he wants ASWC to concentrate their efforts on serving the student body.

"I felt that any club chartered by ASWC should support the students," Walston said. "I oppose this [decision] because it supports Mike McGavick himself."

Walston said that he started collecting signatures last Sunday in the Hixson Union Building and will go dorm to dorm until he collects enough signatures.

Walston will need to collect approximately 200 student signatures. In order for a referendum to pass, 10 percent of the student body's signatures must be presented to the president and to a vote by the general assembly, according to the ASWC by-laws.

The club, which currently exists, is a temporary organization that will disband after the November elections and will not receive any ASWC financing, Orosco said.

In order for campaign signs and advertisements of McGavick to be

placed on campus grounds, ASWC needs to stamp and approve of them first, Orosco said.

President of college Republicans James Radcliffe sent a letter to financial vice president Jeff Hixson requesting that ASWC vote on his proposal to charter this new club.

Radcliffe said that the club would allow for students to support McGavick but not the Republican Party itself. The National College Republicans are not allowed to support a particular candidate, but that does not prevent schools such as Whitworth from supporting the candidate and not their party, Radcliffe said.

"[The National College Republicans] want to be able to say that there is a Mike McGavick club on every campus," Radcliffe said.

Radcliffe said that the purpose of requesting that student government approve of advertising for certain candidates is to improve communication between McGavick's campaign and students.

ASWC approved the proposition to charter the club without discussing the ethics behind Whitworth College endorsing a particular political candidate, Hixson said.

"It was getting towards the end of the meeting and some people just wanted to get out of there," Hixson said. "[Voting members of ASWC] didn't think about all of the ramifications."

Walston and Orosco support a student petition because the student government made their decision too quickly.

"We need to think critically about this," Orosco said.

Whitworth
Speaks
OUT

Do you think
drinking is
a problem at
Whitworth?



Michael Knapstad
Senior

"I don't really think it is a problem. I have only heard of one occasion of it on campus. For a college campus, that's not bad."



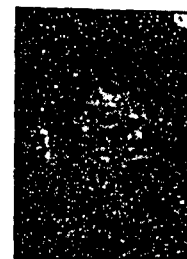
Reed Coast
Freshman

"I've heard of a lot of people getting in trouble for it, but I've never actually seen it."



Stacey Cleaver
Junior

"From my perspective, I don't see much drinking, but I am aware it's a problem."

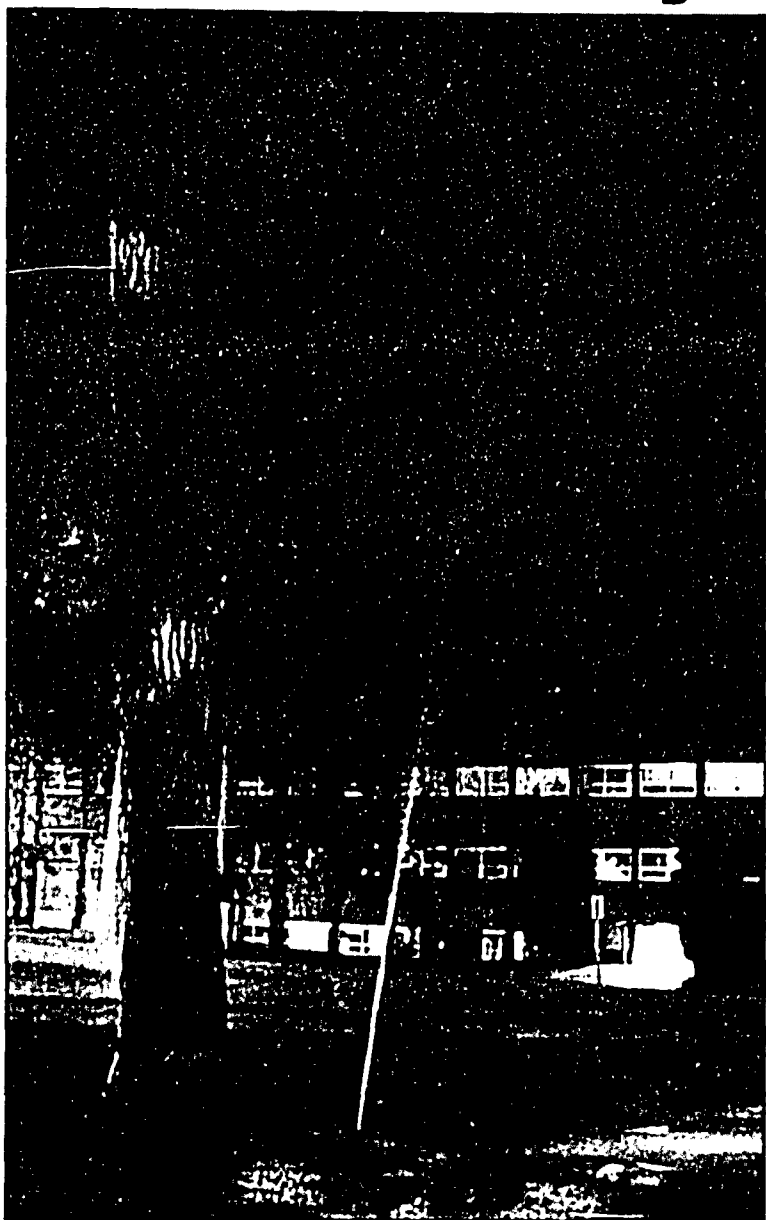


Sky Thoreson
Sophomore

"I don't know because I'm not around it."

— Compiled by Rosa Gibbons

Sprinkler system outdated



Thomas Robinson/Whitworthian

A broken sprinkler jets water into the night sky outside the Fine Arts Building last Wednesday.

Karin Portenklirchner
Staff writer

Whitworth is still watering the campus lawns, despite the lower temperatures. What may seem like a waste of water to some is necessary because of unique circumstances, said Janet Wright, supervisor II of ground services.

The unique problem at Whitworth is the pine trees, Wright said.

"They drink a lot of water, and it is always dry under the trees," Wright said.

The sandy ground cannot hold the water thus forcing facilities services to water a lot, Wright said.

Groundskeeper II Steve Obert is responsible for irrigation on campus.

"If you cut the water and the lawn dries up, it takes two to three weeks for the grass to recover again," Obert said.

Dry soil is more likely to catch an incurable disease called "necrotic ring spot," caused by a fungus and resulting in ring-shaped bald spots in the lawn, Wright said.

Ray Peyron, assistant director of maintenance and engineering, has another reason.

"The grounds department is trying to keep it nice and green until homecoming," Peyron said.

The lawn should not be too wet for the games and there should be no dry spots in the grass either, Wright said.

"Don't we always want to put our best foot forward?" Peyron said.

Whitworth owns two wells and is able to provide water quite cost effectively, Peyron said. The nationwide average cost for 1,000 gallons

of water is \$2-\$3; for Whitworth, it is 7-8 cents, Peyron said.

All of the campus resident halls have low-flow toilets and showers and use an average of 4 million gallons of water per month, Peyron said.

Irrigation season runs from April 15-Oct. 15. During July and August, the average water consumption on campus can raise to 13 million gallons per month, Peyron said.

Ed Kelly, director of facilities service, is not worried about water usage on campus.

"We recognize that water is a resource, and we keep a close eye on our sprinkler system. But I'd rather tell people to put off the lights when they leave a room than worry about how much water they use in the shower," Kelly said.

Facilities and ground services would like to have a more specific irrigation system.

"Whitworth has 66 separate irrigation systems with 8,000 sprinkler heads," said Obert.

Each system is controlled manually.

"To go around and adjust them [the sprinklers] after a rainy day takes three hours," Obert said.

As temperatures change often, ground services does not carry out these adaptations.

The ideal solution would be a centrally controlled sprinkler system, but this would cost \$100,000, Obert said.

A time frame for the realization of this project does not yet exist.

"It is one of many competing goals, and there are more immediate priorities," Kelly said.

World BRIEFS

South Korea ahead in race for U.N. position

South Korean foreign minister Ban Ki-Moon is gaining ground in his quest to be the successor to current U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan. Moon was the only one of six candidates to escape a veto in an informal U.N. Security Council ballot. The Security Council held a formal vote yesterday to pick the eighth secretary general of the United Nations.

Hijacker seizes Turkish airliner, none injured

Turkish Airlines flight 1476, with 113 passengers aboard, was hijacked last week during a flight from Albania to Istanbul.

The plane was flown to Brindisi in southern Italy. When the plane entered Greek airspace, four Greek fighters intercepted the plane.

In turn, the Italian air force sent two planes to force the plane to land. No one aboard the flight was injured.

North Korea conducts first nuclear test

According to its state news agency, KCNA, North Korea conducted an underground nuclear test yesterday. The test triggered condemnation from around the world, according to cnn.com.

The United States is said to be consulting with its allies and pushing for sanctions on North Korea by the U.N. Security Council.

China, who was given a 20-minute warning before the test, passed the information along to the United States.

After the explosion, which occurred at 1:36 a.m. GMT, the U.S. Geological Survey recorded a 4.2-magnitude earthquake in North Korea.

Several countries to meet over Iran crisis

Foreign ministers from Great Britain, the United States, China, France, Germany and Russia met in London last Friday to defuse the looming nuclear crisis in Iran.

All of the nations, with the exception of Germany, have veto powers in the U.N. Security Council. A meeting of the U.N. Security Council is likely imminent due to Iran's program of developing nuclear fuel.

—Compiled by
Luis Lopez

Leaks create steaming, bubbling mud hole

Rosa Gibbons
Staff writer

A leak in a corroded condensate pipe and a steam link underground created a cloud of steam when the escaping water made contact with the hot pipe.

Ed Kelly, director of facilities services, said he learned of the problem when he came back to Whitworth Oct. 2. He said this is the fourth such leak on the northwest side of campus in the last year, adding the underground steam and condensate system is getting old.

"We are replacing sections as we replace and build buildings and as special projects when funding is available," Kelly said.

Facilities services originally thought

the leak was only caused by the condensate pipe. Once they did a little digging, they found that, in addition to the condensate pipe, a steam link had also begun to leak, causing massive amounts of steam to escape.

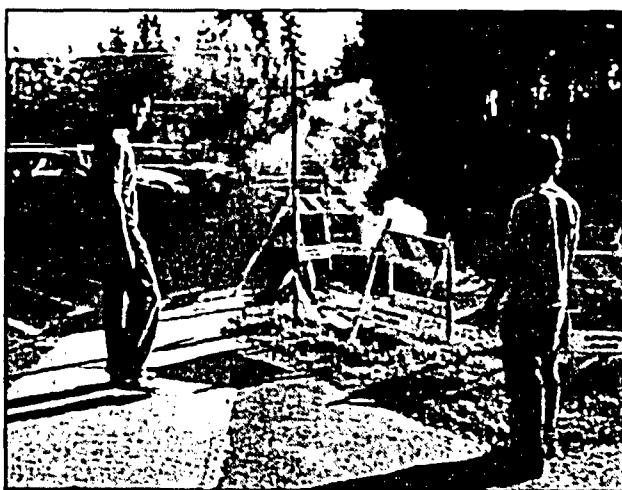
A day or two later, the steam was replaced by a bubbling mud hole.

Freshman and Schumacher resident Laurel Scheleen said she thought it was something to do with a sewer line at first.

"Once it started bubbling, it looked like a hot spring," Scheleen said.

Kelly said that the leak posed no danger.

"Whitworth uses a very low-pressure steam system. Even if you put your hand over the pipe, while it would be hot, I don't think you'd burn yourself," Kelly said.



Thomas Robinson/Whitworthian

Sophomores Mark Baker and Corey Fereday observe a bubbling mud hole on Oct. 1.

Political alumna dies in car crash

Jessica Kauhi
Staff writer

Former Idaho congresswoman and Whitworth College graduate Helen Chenoweth-Hage was killed last Monday after being thrown from the passenger seat of a SUV when it overturned on a central Nevada highway, a patrolman said.

Chenoweth-Hage's daughter-in-law, Yelena Hage, and 5-month-old grandson were also in the car. The Nevada Highway Patrol said Chenoweth-Hage was holding the baby and was not wearing a seat belt. Both were thrown from the car, but the baby received only minor injuries. Her daughter-in-law also received no major injuries.

The Nevada Highway Patrol said the car drifted off the road to the right, swerved back to the left and then slipped when the driver overcorrected.

Chenoweth-Hage, who was pronounced dead at the scene, was 68.

She was a Republican elected to the Idaho Congress in 1994 and served as a representative through 2000. She was born in Topeka, Kan. and grew up in Grants Pass, Ore.

After high school, she attended Whitworth and then moved to Orofino, Idaho, where she worked at Northside Medical Center.

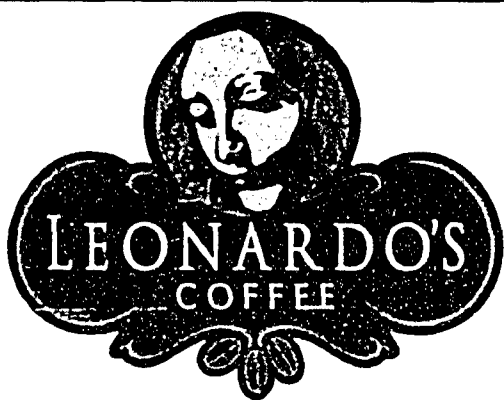
Chenoweth-Hage was known as an outspoken advocate of smaller government and property rights. She was also famous for holding "endangered salmon" bakes during which she would ridicule the listing of Idaho salmon as an endangered species.

Her national attention continued to grow when she once accused federal agents of using black helicopter gunships.

Her death came four months after the death of her husband, Nevada rancher Wayne Hage, who died at the age of 69.



CHENOWETH-HAGE



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Campus BRIEFS

HUB café hours extend half hour longer to 7 p.m.

The HUB café will now stay open until 7 p.m. in response to student concerns about the need for it to stay open later into the evening.

Many students could not make it to the café before it closed at 6:30 p.m. because of schedule conflicts.

ASWC approves \$600 lacrosse club request

ASWC approved the Whitworth Lacrosse Club's request for \$600 to purchase goals for the group. The funds came out of the ASWC capital fund, meaning the goals are intended to last for over five years.

The team plans to use the goals in the Moon Bowl or Hawthorne Field.

The club hopes to attract more students who are interested in the sport by having the goals to play and practice with, someday possibly competing against other area schools.

Peacekeeper from Russia to lecture today

Marina Shishova is presenting a lecture titled "Changing Times, Changing Roles: Society, Church, and Women in Russia" at 8 p.m. tonight in the Robinson Teaching Theatre.

Shishova serves as the president of the Inter-church Partnership, an organization that promotes peacemaking efforts among Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant churches.

She has also been selected as an International Peacemaker for the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.

Latino leader to speak on urban ministry

Noel Castellanos will be lecturing at 8 p.m. tomorrow in the Robinson Teaching Theatre.

Castellanos is the founder and president of the Latino Leadership Foundation, and has worked in urban ministry in the Latino community since 1982.

He has served in youth ministry, church planting and community development in San Francisco, San Jose and Chicago.

Castellanos is one of four Whitworth alumni who will be recognized at the George F. Whitworth Honors Banquet this Friday.

—Compiled by
Joy Bacon

Students choose reps and senators

Tracey Brown
Staff writer

Four representatives and one senator were elected from Duvall Hall, Baldwin-Jenkins/Akili and Warren Hall in last week's elections.

The majority of ASWC elections took place last spring, but residence halls with a significant freshman population waited for the class of 2010 to arrive before selecting their representatives and senators.

The winners are as follows: junior Shannon Newth, Duvall Hall representative; freshman Lindsay Johnston, Baldwin-Jenkins/Akili senator; freshman Corey Newman, Baldwin-Jenkins/Akili representative; sophomore Kyle Brooksher and freshman LaShawnta' Ervin, Warren Hall representatives.

Junior Andrea Naccarato, the ASWC executive vice president, said elections ran smoothly except for a flaw in the online voting system.

The system did not recognize Akili as being a part of Baldwin-Jenkins, so Akili residents had to use paper ballots.

Most candidates said they campaigned by going door-to-door and speaking with residents.

"A lot of my campaign was verbal: talking to people, figuring out who they were and what they wanted," Ervin said.

The winning candidates said ice cream so-



Sophomore L.J. Lomas votes online in the HUB last Friday.

cial, homemade cookies, T-shirts and posters helped them elicit votes.

The responsibilities for the newly elected senators and representatives include attending weekly ASWC meetings, planning one dorm

program and one dorm service project per semester, attending Prime Time once a week, writing the dorm newsletter and creating dorm sweatshirts.

Naccarato said the way these responsibilities are divided depends on the dynamics between the senator and representative.

"In some cases, the senator likes to take charge, other times, they like to split the responsibilities with each other," Naccarato said.

Senators are paid for 10 hours per week and representatives are paid for three.

A new student position for this year is the Hixson Union Building gallery manager.

A wall track was purchased two years ago to display art, making the Café more aesthetically pleasing, Naccarato said.

An interview panel selected senior Carolina Maldonado for the position.

Now that all positions have been filled, the winning candidates say they are anxious to get to work.

"I am excited to get started with the year and to get to know residents better," Newth said.

Naccarato echoed that enthusiasm.

"[The winners] seem passionate about serving the Whitworth community as a whole, but also are concerned about the needs of their dorms and how they can address those needs," Naccarato said.

UNDERGROUND: Fear of bad reputation makes drinking taboo topic

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among other things, requires them to abstain from underage alcohol use, but specific teams may have more restrictive policies, said Dick Mandeville, associate dean of students.

Director of athletics Scott McQuilkin declined to be interviewed.

On-campus drinking is another aspect of the underground scene at Whitworth.

In the 2005-06 academic year, there were 59 violations of Whitworth's no-alcohol policy. The previous five years that number has fluctuated between 35 and 45 infractions. Mandeville said the abnormally high number last year cannot safely be attributed to an increase in drinking.

Alcohol possession and consumption in dorms remains a reality, although it is "minimal," Moore said.

"It definitely happened," said Moore, who lived in Baldwin-Jenkins his freshman year and then Mac for two years. "You would hear things about somebody walking around the dorm drunk or with an open container. It happened. I wouldn't say it was every night."

Sophomore Glen Guenther, who lived in McMillian Hall last year, agreed, saying that while there are students who choose to drink "more often than not" in the dorm, he would hesitate to give McMillian a label.

"It was mostly isolated incidents, people in their rooms behind closed doors," Guenther said. "It'd be unfair to characterize Mac as a drinking dorm."

The reluctance to be classified as a drunk or party keeps the subject of drinking fairly taboo in the face of efforts by the administration and dorm leadership to bring it into the open.

"I would question the premise that drinking is a taboo subject. I'm talking about it right now and we try to create awareness about it on campus," Mandeville said.

These efforts manifest themselves in various ways, including programs led by dorm resident advisors and other leaders.

For the last two years, Crocco, an RA in McMillian, has put on an alcohol-awareness program in his dorm. The purpose of the program is to create awareness about the dangers of alcohol among students, usually involving presentation of statistics, skits and role-play. Crocco tries to present the question of what kind of life a student truly wants to lead.

"Most people, deep down, honestly don't want to do that," Crocco said, referring to the party lifestyle.

Despite these programs, the issue remains underground for various reasons, including Whitworth's religious affiliation and small size. People do not want to "tarnish" the small school's Presbyterian image, whereas at larger schools, students don't seem to care as much, Palmer said.

Because of Whitworth's relatively small population, students also want to avoid being branded as regular attendees at parties.

"Part of the Whitworth culture is not wanting to offend people or stick out," Moore said. "If you don't keep it taboo, you get labeled in a negative light. You get stuck with that moniker of the party guy. Most people don't want to have that label."



Photo illustration by Thomas Robinson Whitworthian

A student takes a swig of beer off-campus last Sunday in this photo illustration.

There seem to be a variety of reasons that college students drink excessively over the weekend, ranging from fulfilling social agendas to forgetting about life for a while, Palmer said.

"A lot of people party to be seen. They come by and make cameos, and they're very social. Some people use it as a chance to show up, like a social stepping ladder. Some people see their grades falling or they've lost something and they want to get plastered to forget," Palmer said.

Another reason students party on weekends is for the sense of community. Corocco said.

"So many kids get to drinking because there's a crowd of people that will take you in like brothers and sisters if you start," he said.

Most students who start drinking do not know where to draw the line, Palmer said.

Crocco stopped drinking because his grades dropped and his relationships with friends and family began to deteriorate because of his weekend habits.

"There was also a thing of guilt, going to a Christian school and being a theology major," Crocco said.

There is the chance that students will show eventual alcoholic tendencies. According to a survey sponsored by the National Institute for Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 6 percent of college students nationwide met the diagnosis for alcohol dependence in the last 12 months.

"In some people, it does create a level of alcoholism," Crocco said. "I know people who need to drink. Pretty soon, people are drinking every day, and it really becomes an addiction and if people don't think that's true, that's absurd."

On the whole, students are able to manage their drinking habits, Moore said.

"It causes a lot of problems on campus. For some people, it's a godsend, but for some it's very unfortunate," Palmer said.

Resources available for alcohol problems

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Students who believe they need counseling for alcohol abuse have options available to them here on campus.

Every undergraduate student has six free sessions from the counseling center. If a student has an alcohol-related problem, during the session an alcohol screening test called the MAST will be given by one of the four counselors available. Based on the results of that test, a student will be referred to an outpatient education service in the community.

Everything from setting up a meeting to taking the MAST to the service referral is kept confidential said Janelle Thayer, director of counseling services.

Most often, a counselor will refer a student to Alcoholics Anonymous group meetings here in Spokane, Thayer said.

"We have had students go [to AA meetings]," said Dick Mandeville, associate dean of students.

Whitworth Community Presbyterian Church also has its own Alcoholics Anonymous support group that meets every day at noon.

Thayer said there is an alcohol treatment center with a 24-hour hot line. They can be reached at 1-800-861-6864. There is also a national 24-hour help and referral network that can be reached at 1-800-996-DRUG.

It is never too early to seek help.

"Prevention is really important with this," Thayer said. "It is something that you can take hold of before it takes hold of you."

Obscene caller nabbed by police

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A Spokane Valley man charged with making obscene phone calls to female Whitworth students was arrested last week, administrators said. Forty-two-year-old Robert Sherman turned himself in to authorities around 6 p.m. last Wednesday night.

In the approximately three weeks since the calls began, it is estimated that 30 female students were contacted by Sherman, Greg Orwig, director of communications, said.

An investigation revealed that the sexually-explicit calls began when finances limited Sherman's access to commercial phone sex lines, administrators said.

Information system staff discovered the method used to place the calls. Sherman accidentally dialed a Whitworth phone number that allowed him to access the voicemail system. He then used the name directory feature to identify and call extensions of female students.

Detective Tim Hines said whenever the suspect dialed a number that went unanswered, the system would prompt him to try another number.

"He thought he hit the motherload," Hines said.

Associate dean of students, Dick Mandeville, said the name directory feature has been removed indefinitely.

Sherman told detectives he had never been on the Whitworth campus and had no intentions of harming any student.

Hines said he does not think Sherman posed any threat to students and strongly believes the calls will not continue.

Sherman's arrest last week was the first step in the case's conclusion since a house on West Point Road was mistakenly searched by detectives last week. The number Hines tracked was copied incorrectly.

Among evidence seized from the innocent man's home were CDs, floppy disks and tapes including copies of "The Lion King" and "Snow White" from his granddaughter's bedroom.

The man, who declined to be identified in a recent Spokesman-Review article, declined to mention whether

or not he plans to sue the Sheriff's Office but has contacted an attorney.

Following Sherman's arrest, Whitworth will continue to follow the tighter security standards that have been employed in past weeks.

Discussion regarding security of campus buildings and locking doors early will continue.

"Regardless, there are some common sense practical steps that can be taken," director of college communications Greg Orwig said.

Orwig said students have a role to play in campus security. He encouraged students to not prop residence hall doors or admit strangers.

To further protect privacy, do not provide any personal information such as your name or location on your voicemail greeting.

"We really feel for the students who were victimized by this guy and appreciate their cooperation with our security department and their help in providing the evidence that allowed the Sheriff's Department to find and arrest the perpetrator," Orwig said.

Spam e-mail sneaks through school firewall software

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There has been an increased circulation of spam on Whitworth e-mail accounts since school started this fall.

With a larger volume of e-mail coming through the firewall system, the amount of spam that students receive has increased, said Walter Seidel, network manager of information systems.

"Right now it looks like the volume of e-mails is larger," Seidel said.

Some students have noticed the infiltration of spam.

"I receive about 30 spam e-mails a day. It takes a lot of time to go through them all," freshman Stephanie Reardon said.

Many e-mails contain questionable content.

"I received an e-mail

about marriage counseling; it seemed really inappropriate," Reardon said.

Whitworth e-mail accounts are protected by a program called Barracuda, which filters out 75,000 to 80,000 spam each day. Students only see about 8,000 spam e-mails that make it past the filters, said Jackie Miller, director of information systems.

"We block it at several levels and in different ways," Miller said.

In order to identify an e-mail address as spam, there have to be at least two "repeat sends."

Hackers will often use a different address each time they send spam, Miller said.

Students can adjust the sensitivity of their Barracuda filter and add certain addresses or domains to a blocked list, Seidel said.

"If you do customize it, it

makes it much more selective," Seidel said.

It's difficult to determine how sensitive to make the filters, because students do not want to block e-mails that they want to receive, Miller said.

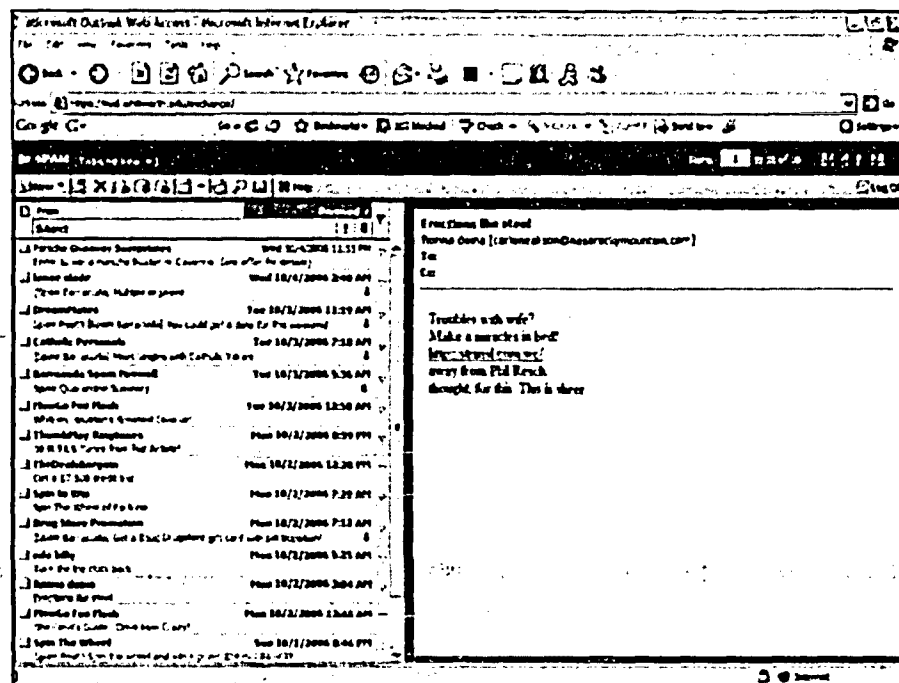
"It's a constant war, but there are times when it has been better," Seidel said.

Many students have not noticed a significant problem with spam.

"I don't receive a lot of spam. I haven't received anything out of the ordinary, and I haven't had any major problems," freshman Daniel Lewis said.

People have to take the time to make it effective, Miller said. Many students do not personalize their spam filters.

"I set it on default; I don't want it to block e-mails I actually want," Reardon said.



Jasmine Linabary/Whitworthian

Some students receive spam e-mail on a regular basis that is not caught by the college's software. Messages are often lewd and disjointed. This is due to an overall increase in the amount of spam received by the college in the past month. Some spammers infiltrate the firewall by sending e-mails from different addresses.

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not recall why Whitworth was removed from the Saudi list.

"The fact that we don't know means we probably didn't pursue it," Yoder said. "It was not a high priority for the institution."

Back in the 1980s, Christian colleges around the nation, including Whitworth, were struggling to remain open. In order to survive, Whitworth looked to international student enrollment for financial support, Yoder said.

Once the college started to stabilize, there was not the same need for international students, he said.

"The justification was this will help us financially. It wasn't so much that it would help us become a global campus," Yoder said in reference to the lack of Arab students over the past ten years.

Whitworth may see an increase in Arab students in the near future as Whitworth currently has one Saudi student.

Freshman Zaid Al-Jebreen's father and uncle came to Whitworth under the Saudi program in the early to middle 1970s. While not here under the program, Al-Jebreen plans to stay at Whitworth for four years studying business administration. He said some of his friends might want to come and study at Whitworth someday.

Al-Jebreen is from Riyadh, the capitol of Saudi Arabia. He

has one brother, two cousins and around 20 friends from back home who go to Gonzaga.

Al-Jebreen said he believes that Whitworth should be on the list because Gonzaga and Spokane Falls already have several Saudi students.

Historically, the United States has had strong diplomatic ties to Saudi Arabia. Recently relations between the two nations have been strained due to U.S. policies in Israel, Iraq and Afghanistan. Relations became even more strained after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, which the U.S. government linked to Saudi dissidents.

Al-Jebreen said he believes that there is less tension now as the new Saudi king has visited the United States frequently. He also mentioned that President Bush has visited Saudi Arabia more often.

"Saudis love America. We listen to your music. We buy your cars. We buy your clothes. We like the people. Just sometimes we disagree with government policy—some not all," Al-Jebreen said.

International student enrollment at Whitworth has dropped by 70 percent over the past 10 years, according to the 10-day reports. Some blame the drop on the increased difficulty for students to acquire U.S. visas.

According to Whitworth's strategic plan, "The Sept. 11 terrorist

"It was not a high priority for the institution."

John Yoder,
Professor of politics

attacks have made the recruitment of international students more difficult, but the college recognizes that it can control some of these factors."

Jackson did not mention the Sept. 11 attacks when explaining why Whitworth has had trouble attracting international students.

Poor marketing strategies and an outdated ESL program were partly to blame for the low numbers. Admissions also did not have a complete grasp on responding to international student requests.

"There were a lot of cracks that international inquiries fell into," Jackson said. "We are working to fill those cracks."

As of last summer, international admissions moved under the department of Academic Affairs, said Michael Le Roy, vice president of academic affairs.

"The study abroad program, any international admissions and the international student service all fall under the umbrella of the International Education Center," Jackson said.

The changes were not in response to declining enrollment.

Jackson said that the new department was created in response to Whitworth's strategic plan which calls for a heavy focus on internationalization.

Jackson confirmed that within the last two years, some international students complained that they were not informed Whitworth was a Christian school before they arrived on campus.

New marketing strategies will make Whitworth's Christian identity very clear, Jackson said.

Orientation has also changed for incoming international students, Jackson said.

Student Life tries to provide coping methods if international students find themselves in an uncomfortable situation. Students spend one day off-campus at camp Spalding where cultural diversity advocates put on skits about the Big 3s. While there, international students are also introduced to American classroom culture.

While enjoying his education at Whitworth, Al-Jebreen is having a hard time adjusting to dorm life. He says he was used to a different lifestyle in Riyadh.

"My family is well respected. I always had someone with me," Al-Jebreen said.

Because his father regularly travels at least twice a week and his mother is a nurse at the American Embassy, Al-Jebreen said he was often alone at home.

"I know how to function by

myself. I feel I am in a weird place right now," Al-Jebreen said.

Even though Al-Jebreen is Muslim, he does not mind that Whitworth is a Christian institution.

"It's okay. People believe different things. That's the way the world was formed," Al-Jebreen said.

Al-Jebreen said that some Whitworth students have tried to share their faith with him, but his interaction with students has been pleasant.

"I already understand a lot of it. I don't like to interrupt people so I just let them talk, but maybe I'll learn something," Al-Jebreen said.

Al-Jebreen does not blame Americans for distrusting Saudis.

"It's the Middle East's fault because people listen to media and the media image is wrong," Al-Jebreen said.

He believes around 2 percent of the Middle East aligns with the terrorists. The other 98 percent do not, Al-Jebreen said the media misunderstands the sentiment in the Middle East, but people around the world will soon realize the truth.

"Saudis are nice people. If you encounter one, do not think he's a bad person. Find out first," Al-Jebreen said.

Look for part II of this series next week, which will explain the college's plans to recruit Arab students in the near future.

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IN THE LOOP

An editorial

Decisions cannot be made in silence

At this time last year, the Whitworth Trustees made the monumental decision to change Whitworth's name from college to university. With the name change scheduled to officially take place on July 1, 2007, the final pieces are frantically falling into place. What students can see are the last of the Whitworth College sweatshirts in the bookstore, several new buildings, a coffee shop and directories popping up around campus.

We recognize the need to unite behind the name university in order for the college to reach its lofty goals. In the rush to carry out these goals, some of Whitworth's problems are being ignored and some issues even being swept under the rug.

Though Whitworth's name may be changing, several crucial elements are not.

For one, the climate of non-confrontation is hindering the ability of decision makers to truthfully discuss problems with other administrators and faculty. Some problems need to be acknowledged before they can be solved.

The Whitworth faculty are critical thinkers and they want what is best for the institution. At this point, some faculty are not completely behind every change being made. Honest discussion on the subject of current and potential problems with the changes ensures a stronger campus.

Whitworth has a strong culture of acceptance and openness as far as issues coming from outside the Christian perspective are concerned. The institution needs to do the same with issues that are appearing within its own walls.

Uncomfortable or taboo topics are some of the issues that need to come up in discussion. Uneasiness during conversation in the present will stave off more difficult confrontation in the future.

If we are not careful to stop, reflect and openly discuss the small problems at hand, we could arrive at our final destination with large holes in our final product. Most of all, we endanger leaving what makes Whitworth great behind - a small liberal arts school focused on balancing the mind and heart, not just the pocket book.

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Language profiling causes arrests



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In the war on terror, racial profiling is not just for police and security personnel anymore. No, the nebulous threat of terrorism is systematically bringing out the paranoid xenophobe that lurks within our own friends and neighbors.

On the last day of September, a 32-year-old man was placed under suspicion by an off-duty airline employee at Sea-Tac Airport after that employee heard him speaking a mixture of English and Tamil — a language native to India, Singapore and Sri Lanka — on his cell phone.

The man, unidentified in news reports, was held for questioning long enough to miss his flight to Texas for committing the unthinkable crime of discussing sports in a language other than English, as investigators later determined.

Perhaps the most distressing element of the story was

related in an article by the Seattle Post-Intelligencer last Monday, which claimed the man "told officials that he would not speak in a foreign language on his cell phone at an airport in the future."

This is America? Unfortunately, this most recent event is relatively mild compared to other examples. In the wake of last August's

UK terror arrests, two Asian men of Pakistani origin were kept off their flight from Malaga, Spain, to Manchester, England, after a passenger revolt demanded it, with many travelers leaving the plane, or threatening to, if the men were allowed to fly. Every passenger was removed, the plane was searched from end to end and, even after finding nothing, the two were still not allowed on the flight when it finally departed three hours later.

Their crime? Speaking Urdu to one another in the terminal as they waited to board

their flight. Patrick Mercer, the Tory Homeland Security spokesman, described the incident as "a victory for terrorists. These people on the flight have been terrorized into behaving rationally. For those unfortunate two men to be victimized because of the color of their skin is just nonsense."

A week earlier in America, three Palestinian-Americans were put under arrest in Michigan after a Wal-Mart employee contacted police following the purchase of

80 cell phones by the men. The men were found to have nearly a thousand such phones in their van, sparking fears of terrorism and leading to charges of gathering materials for terrorist acts and surveillance of a vulnerable target for terrorist purposes. The charges were dropped five days later when an FBI investigation found no evidence of a crime, terrorist or otherwise.

Examples like these demonstrate the worst of human nature when faced with a persistent danger like terrorism. Instead of responding rationally, anyone demonstrating that terrifying quality of difference is suspect. Four weeks after 9/11, a plane was diverted from its destination and landed early after passengers voiced concerns about two suspicious "Middle Eastern men" speaking in a foreign tongue — as it turned out, two Orthodox Jews speaking their prayers in Hebrew.

Cooler heads must prevail if terrorism is to be put to an end. In contrast to this sort of reprehensible behavior, reasonable people everywhere should be willing to put their prejudices aside when faced with the unknown. Before long, perhaps it will be a crime to speak a language other than English in American airports — something that seems like an all-too-real possibility.

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Amish respond to shooter with forgiveness

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In the wake of three school shootings in the past few weeks, many are wondering how such violence can be averted in the future. On Oct. 2, 10 Amish girls were shot in a one-room schoolhouse in Lancaster County, Pa. by a 32-year-old man with no direct connection to the school. Five of the girls died and the other five are still in serious to critical condition. Details on the status of the survivors are being withheld out of respect for the families. The attack was completely unforeseen and was without any real motive except for the

vague claim the shooter had of righting an alleged wrong committed against him 20 years ago.

The sheer spontaneity of this attack has much to do with how disturbing it is. The killer was not associated with the school at all, had no prior indications of violence and no other discernible motive. The shooting occurred not in the inner city but in rural Pennsylvania in a one-room Amish schoolhouse. Aside from these facts, there is perhaps a more extraordinary facet to this tragedy. In typical American society, one would expect a residual hate harbored by the parents and relatives of the victims against the perpetrator and the perpetrator's family. The Amish by contrast have shown themselves to be much more complex than their simple way of life indicates.

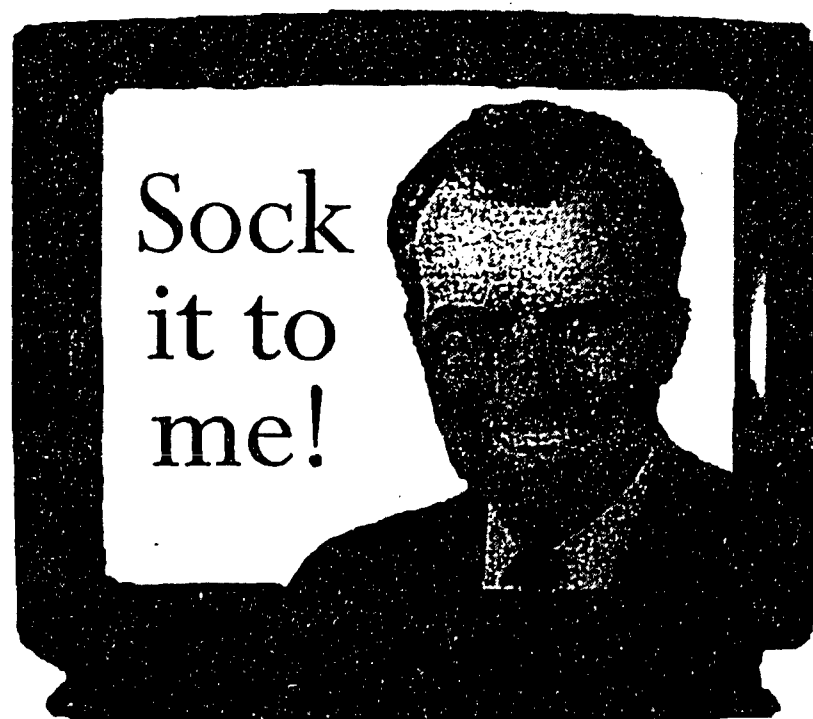
Rather than shun the shooter's family

and lash out with condemnation or a lawsuit, the Amish in the community have embraced the shooter's wife and three children. Instead of allowing bitterness to overwhelm them, they have chosen forgiveness. In a society shaped by a mentality of entitlement, these wondrous people have displayed a level of maturity hardly rivaled in most of America. They have come to the family requesting that they stay in the area and even offering to set aside for them a portion of the support fund for the families of the victims. How many people could have done the same?

Maybe by adding security guards and metal detectors our schools can become safer. Perhaps by screening every child and visitor to enter a school building we may succeed in making the schools safer — for a while. But just as technology adapts to

prevent these things those who would harm and cause terror in the hearts of children will find a way to accomplish their perverted goals. Maybe if we looked to the Amish and saw their compassion and capability to forgive, we could learn something. Maybe in their simple way of living, they have captured a true spirit of trust and openness. Perhaps if we could love as they do, feel as they do, there would be a chance, albeit a small one, that the forces that create an environment of fear could be dispelled. Maybe instead of a change of technology and tactics, what we need is a change of heart.

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An odd event that led to Nixon's election

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In our nation's history it is comforting to know that the circumstances surrounding our leaders rise to power are generally honorable and evidence of hard work and strong morals. Images such as Abraham Lincoln studying law by firelight, Theodore Roosevelt winning a Nobel Peace Prize for ending the Russo-Japanese War and Franklin Roosevelt overcoming polio are often on our collective consciousness when we think of who our leaders are meant to be. A strong history of moral courage had nothing to do with the 1968 election of Richard Nixon.

On Valentine's Day 1967, music producer Jerry Wexler arranged for Aretha Franklin to record a cover version of a song written by blues singer Otis Redding. This song was the now classic "Respect" which quickly reached the top of the music charts and catapulted Franklin to fame. This song is regarded to be an important part of 1960s culture and this was reflected when part of the lyrics, specifically "sock it to me," were adopted by the television variety show "Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In." This television show enjoyed great popularity and had a influence on American culture comparable to "American Idol" in today's culture.

While "Laugh-In" was gaining popularity in 1968, America was undergoing what

was regarded as one of the most tumultuous elections in its history. The Vietnam War was in full swing and anti-war protests were occurring on a massive scale, Democratic frontrunner Robert Kennedy and civil rights crusader Martin Luther King Jr. had been assassinated and the Democratic National Convention in Chicago was marred by riots. President Lyndon Johnson had announced he would not seek re-election which created a wide-open race between Democratic candidate Hubert Humphrey and Republican candidate Richard Nixon.

The backdrop to this election helps frame its importance in American history. The two candidates were evenly matched and it was impossible for analysts to reach a conclusion about which man would win. The final tally went in Nixon's favor by the narrow margin of around 500,000 votes out of over 73 million cast. This paved the way for the Nixon administration that saw historical events such as the vast expansion of the powers of the American presidency, the opening of ties with China and the crippling Watergate scandal that produced lingering darkness and cynicism that continue to taint American politics into the modern era.

On a more tangible scale, the Nixon presidency blackened America's name overseas, led to a shake-up in Congress that produced two decades of Democratic control and endangered the traditional respect that had been associated with the office of the President.

What is the connection between "Laugh-In" and Watergate? On the Sept. 16, 1968, episode of "Laugh-In" Richard Nixon made a guest appearance in which he uttered the catchphrase "sock it to me." This appearance had a major impact on Nixon's public image and was credited with increasing his appeal among young voters and others who were concerned about his apparent lack of charisma. The producer of "Laugh-In," George Schlatter, was quoted in regards to the Democratic candidate's refusal to appear on the show, "Humphrey later said that not doing it may have cost him the election." This small television appearance altering history is comparable to the bizarre circumstances in Florida that the infamous "butterfly ballots" created in the 2000 presidential election.

There are questions of what would have happened if Nixon had not been elected — they are unanswerable. Perhaps events would have gone better, maybe worse. Maybe we'd be allies with Iran and have a man on Mars. Or we could still be living in a world with the Soviet Union and ten dollar gallons of gas. Who knows? It does seem that what did happen would have been radically different if on a Valentine's Day 39 years ago a different song had been recorded.

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Buzz words are loaded with meaning



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Thanks to Facebook, I have mastered the art of defining myself with single words. Interests: feminism, peace, vegetarianism. Political views: Other.

Conversation works that way, too. The question "So, what kind of music do you like?" feels like a middle-school-style attempt to classify me. *Oh, she's a rocker. We don't associate with her kind.*

For that reason, I hate telling people what my religious beliefs and political leanings are. If we both say we are Christian, the person assumes that we share a belief system. If we are both identify ourselves as liberal, then we must agree on all political issues.

The problem is, everyone carries around different defini-

tions for these words. When I say "feminist," I mean something quite distinct from the image of my bra-burning comrades in the sixties that most people associate with the word. I shudder at the thought of classifying myself in the same religious category as James Dobson.

Last week I got a little taste of how inaccurately I could be judged based on my self-defining labels. You will find two responses to my last article in the "Letters to the Editor" section. My article argued that we should challenge the government and military's actions to uphold the democratic ideals that veterans have fought to defend.

I ended up having a very thought provoking exchange of

e-mails with one of my critics, Glen Luse. His first letter to me (the one The Whitworthian printed on page 9) was very angry.

For him, my statement that I am a "peacenik" was enough to conjure up an image of war protesters spitting in his friends' faces as they returned from Vietnam after the war.

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made false assumptions about each other, we both looked more deeply into each others' perspectives and listened. (Well, read, but you know what I mean.)

He shared with me about his

experience of losing a brother in Vietnam, I explained a little about myself and why I had written the article.

I ended up learning a lot from Luse about a perspective very different from my own, including why he had originally reacted to my self-classifications so strongly. Though we still sit on totally different ends of the political spectrum, perhaps this is the kind of conversation that can lead to more understanding and collaboration between different ideologies.

We will inevitably continue to be forced to sum our entire identities up in a few words, whether for a potential employer or random people we meet. By asking more about the "buzz words" that catch our attention, we can come to understand the person behind the generic labels.

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WHATif...

LOOKING AT THE
WORLD FROM A
NEW PERSPECTIVE

Firearms determined illegal after shooting

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In the wake of the latest school shootings, Congress has determined that America's youth are in imminent danger. Gun control laws are not doing their job and dangerous males are able to acquire legal and illegal firearms and ammunition far too easily.

The violent climate among males is on the rise due to violent television, music and video games, leaving citizens, school children especially, in danger as evidenced by the recent rash of shootings.

In response, the Supreme Court has unanimously decided to amend the second amendment, the right to bear arms. Essentially, complaints from the American people — by way of Congress — filtered up to the courts, which ruled that the citizens of the United States can no longer keep firearms of any kind in their possession. Congress implemented a new set of laws outlining gun ownership.

The new law states all guns must be kept at public armories from which owners can borrow their guns for specified time periods. Citizens can own guns, but the guns must be kept at the armory when not checked out. All screening processes and background checks will remain in place as part of this new law. Concealed handguns will be limited to police officer use only.

"The costs just do not outweigh the benefits," said Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House, after the decision. "The well-being of our children is more important than the rights of gun owners to hold guns in their homes, because guns are far too easy for dangerous people to get their hands on."

What if this scenario was true? What would America look like?

The response by the National Rifle Association (NRA) would be quick and organized. There would be marches at state capitals and campouts in front of the capitol building in Washington D.C. Protestors would dress up as Civil War heroes, toting signs stating that guns are not dangerous, the people that use them are.

Initial compliance to the law would be spotty. Many gun owners would hide their registered weapons in their homes and refuse to acknowledge government summons to give up the weapons.

Many Republicans, in southern states especially, would be conflicted with whether or not to give up their firearms. On one hand, they understand their governments reasoning, yet on the other, they do not want to give up their personal rights to bear arms.

Gun owners and NRA members would bring up personal safety issues (What if a burglar came into my house with a gun?) and also their personal safety records (My guns are locked in a safety cabinet and have locks on the triggers. No kid will ever use them to harm another human.) to argue against the government imposed restrictions.

Still, the general public, the ones who think that guns kill and killing is bad, will comply with the law. The initial uproar among civilians will not subside, even with the continuing opposition of the NRA, and the law will stick. There will still be illegal arms dealing and gang members will still shoot rival gang members but potential shooters like the Columbine killers will have a harder time finding firearms for their deadly deeds.

"What if..." is a column written by a series of staff writers. Opinions in this column do not reflect those of The Whitworthian.

HUMOR COLUMN

Locking the doors won't work if he's got an axe

Daniel Walters
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JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT IT WAS SAFE TO CHECK YOUR VOICEMAIL!

Member the time some Whitworth girls picked up the phone, and heard not the latest giggly gossip scuttling along the Whitworth grapevine, but rather the perverse raspings of a voice identifying himself only by the mysterious moniker of "I.P. Freely?" And member how the police traced the phone call and went and arrested the perp at his home and tore apart his house looking for dirty videos?

Well... funny story. Turns out the detective wrote down the number wrong (867-5306). To be fair, a six sorta looks a nine if you're looking at it upside down, and the innocent man *did* have "The Lion King," which is rumored to have dirty parts if you look really closely. But wait, if the man they arrested was innocent, that must mean... the real killer's still out there!

Police believe the real suspect lurks in the labyrinthine steam tunnels underneath Whitworth, guarded by a litany of devilish snares each more wicked than the last. Profilers believe he's a malformed Whitworth student who took the "defying social norms" project for Intro to Sociology a little too far.

Whoever he is, his phone calls have made Whitworth girls so scared that they never pick up the phone when I call and don't return any of my messages, no matter how many I leave.

Campus Security responded to this climate of fear, by upgrading their Campus Alert Status from "LOCK-AND-LOAD" to "DEFCON 2."

The doors, the Administration promised, would remain locked until "further notice" or the fifth return of Jesus, whichever comes first. But are we safe? Well, that's what Cindy the Ditzy Cheerleader thought. Until her intestines ended up as tinsel on Death's Christmas tree.

"Lock all the doors?" Don't make me laugh. Any madman worth his assault can dispose of a locked door with a few swings of Choppy the Axe or a brief visit from his trusty rusty chainsaw (nicknamed "Timmy").

Fortunately, good people of Whitworth College, I have all the answers. As always. Read onward, faithful acolyte, and drink from the Garden Hose of Enlightenment.

Outlined in my Protecting Residents Including Security Over Night plan, all doors would be replaced with brick walls. Sure, having no entrance might be an "inconvenience." But can we really sacrifice the lives and safety of our students for the sake of convenience? Of course, the brickiest brickwall in all of brickdom won't stop your more tenacious madman, especially if the calls are coming from *inside the dorm*. Fortunately, my PRISON plan offers several other suggestions.

• Convert all the study rooms to Panic Rooms. Since study rooms aren't used for studying as much as "studying," it won't be hard to convert them to impenetrable hide-

aways. Besides, I always feel more comfortable making out when I'm secured behind a nine-inch thick rot iron door. I know this because of all the experience I have making out with real people that I totally didn't make up.

• Beef up security. Literally. While adding another security officer is smart, wouldn't it be better if that security officer had like, a giant MegaCannon for an arm and lasers for eyes and Extendo-Limbs and huge metal teeth that can bite through a human skull like a Ritz Cracker. We have the technology. And while, theoretically, a freak electrical accident could cause such a Security officer to malfunction and try to destroy all humans and find Sarah Conner (she's a sophomore in Schumacher,) such an occurrence is *unlikely* at best.

• Guns. As a conservative, I firmly believe that there is no problem that can't be solved by giving people more guns.

But while giving out Desert Eagles as party favors is a good start, it ignores the underlying cause of the phone calls. We need to ask ourselves, how did Creepy Killer Stalker Man become so creepy and killerish? Maybe the other kids made fun of his big nose and hook hand in junior high. Maybe his parents didn't hug him or hugged him too much. Who are we to judge? Let's consider all diplomatic options before rushing to violence. That's why I've written an open letter to the Creepy Killer Stalker Man, who, I'm just going to give a name at random to make communication easier. Say, "Mark Foley" (R-FL).

Dear Mr. Foley, Hey, this is Daniel, just writing to say "Hi." Since I never got your name. Look, Mr. Foley, we probably got off on the foot. But to be honest, there are better ways to win friends and pick up chicks than the method you've been pursuing. Instead of creepy voice messages you could just say, "Hey, do you wanna go get some coffee sometime or something?" And maybe, with time, that friendship will gradually blossom into something more. MySpace is another good way to get friends. I'm sure you have MySpace.

And come on, Mr. Foley, obscene phone calls are *so* clichéd and hackneyed. If you want vintage prank phone calls, go ahead. Horrify us, as we realize that our refrigerator is running and we were fooled by your tricky wordplay! Plead with us to finally release Prince Albert from his tiny aluminum prison! But seriously, man, the Heavy Breathing shtick got old a long, long time ago in a Galaxy far, far away. Albuterol can help. Furthermore, if you HAVE to make a perverted phone call, *don't* do it at four in the morning. You monster! It's just a matter of common courtesy. Most non-BJ students are asleep by then. And if you're going to describe a movie you're watching, make it a movie we'd *both* kinda like, like "Breakfast at Tiffany's" or "The Chronicles of Riddick." And if you really want to talk, just give me a ring at extension 911.



"The Varnished Truth" is written by Daniel Walters. Year: Junior. Major: General, Modern. All obscene messages should go to dwalters08@whitworth.edu.

McGavick club does not benefit students



RACHEL
CARR
Writer

ASWC recently chartered a new club: Students for Mike McGavick. This club is solely devoted to campaigning for this Washington candidate for the position currently held by Maria Cantwell. The club is not receiving any financial assistance from the student body and will dissolve after the November elections.

Students for Mike McGavick has no place as a club, is too narrowly focused and brings up major concerns about Whitworth's endorsement of political candidates.

"I don't know why the College Republicans don't just do it themselves

since McGavick is a Republican candidate," senior and Duval senator Seth Wall said.

Seniors Delia Orosco and Bobby Walston have taken issue with the chartering and plan to start a petition to have the club removed. They need the signatures of 10 percent of the student body, or approximately 200 students.

Sophomore James Radcliffe, the president of the College Republicans at Whitworth, proposed the club to Financial Vice President and senior Jeff Hixson, and Hixson brought it to ASWC.

The issue is not about one's political views or the candidates that one supports.

"It's not about conservatives and liberals," Orosco said. "I think it's unethical."

Orosco went on to say that a political science professor said that it was an improper use of ASWC time and energy. Bringing candidates to campus to speak or debate with one another would be fine because that would be educational and not just campaigning.

The club simply does not have any place among the nu-

merous Whitworth clubs. It is a temporary club, campaigning for a certain candidate, which could be easily done through the College Republicans.

Even in the proposal Radcliffe writes, "... there are many reasons being an official club does not make sense." This is because the club is temporary and has no funds, but also "will not sign up or maintain membership."

Radcliffe is not confident in the reasons the club was proposed. The club will give the College Republican leadership, Radcliffe and others, two more student-wide e-mails a month.

"It's mostly used as a communication tool," Radcliffe said.

This is not a valid excuse for chartering a club, but even if it was there are other reasons that Students for Mike McGavick should not exist as an ASWC char-

tered club.

After listing the reasons why being an official club does not make sense, Radcliffe wrote, "However, we are being asked by the state [College Republicans] to setup a 'Students for Mike McGavick!' club for several reasons."

The letter goes on to say that the state wants to be able to claim a Mike McGavick club on every campus. When asked if there was any other reason to charter the club, Radcliffe said, "It was basically because we had to."

The proposal was created because of pressure from the state College Republicans, which raises serious questions about who we as students of Whitworth want influencing our campus.

"It's a campaign tactic," Orosco said.

Every advertisement by the Students for Mike McGavick would have to be approved by ASWC. With that ASWC stamp on a campaign poster, it definitely looks like ASWC and by extension the entire campus, is endorsing a candidate.

As Radcliffe said in his proposal to ASWC, the club

would like to "be able to claim affiliation with Whitworth College."

Wall spoke up at the ASWC meeting last Wednesday when the assembly addressed the issue again and agreed that the members did work through the process of chartering well.

"People get confused when they see this club is supported by ASWC because it can be misconstrued that the college and student body at large supports this candidate," Wall said.

ASWC members are supposed to stand for the interests of the student body and a club like this should invite truly critical thinking by the representatives. I would hate to think that, like this one, ASWC would brush off a significant issue because they are too impatient to hear all the facts.

Hixson said that ASWC was too hasty with the decision.

"It was getting towards the end of the meeting and some people just wanted to get out of there," Hixson said.

ASWC did not consider all of the facts and holes in the proposal. Most of the members are new and do not have much experience, but also did not consider the constituency of students that they represent.

"People didn't even know why they were passing it," Orosco said.

She talked to some members later who told her that they disagreed with it after they were informed what it was actually about it.

In all, the club is a dangerous step towards ASWC endorsing political candidates and worrisome because the assembly did not take careful consideration of the issue.

John Yoder, professor of political studies explained, "On the one hand, I applaud every effort by students to become involved socially and politically. On the other hand, I wonder if people have given careful thought to complications and dangers of being co-opted by a campaign from any party."

Carr is a junior majoring in Political Studies. Comments can be sent to rcarr08@whitworth.edu

Sounding Board

Question of the week

Q: What's your take on the Whitworth party scene?

E-mail your thoughts to editor@whitworth.edu

Get your thoughts in print!

Letters to the editor

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: "Vietnam memories ..."

Vietnam vets fought for you

Hello Erika,

My name is Glen Luse, brother of Ken Luse one of those names you saw on the wall. Please view www.VirtualWall.org/dl/LuseKA01a.htm. After that view more of the remembrances there. You'll find a vast majority of the remembrances contradict your view. You'll find nephews, nieces, son's and daughters thanking their loved one for their sacrifice and protecting our freedom. You seem to be speaking for those on the wall but do not take into consideration of how those that fought actually felt. You just reiterate what a small fraction of Vietnam Vets, whose voice has been made to seem the norm, ie: Kerry, Murtha, McCain.

Here is a voice from the past speaking to you. Ken wrote our pastor asking him to pray for the enemy, for they did not know what they were doing to the people. What does that tell you? My brother believed what President Kennedy said on national TV: "I am sending combat troops into South Vietnam to stop the spread of communism." After his assassination, the press and your so-called peaceniks constantly hammered away that statement, and made it sound as if we were not fighting communism. How do you explain Jane Fonda's voice being heard so well but not that of the troops. She supported North Vietnam, not because of the civilians being bombed, but because she has communist ideals as displayed in her speeches at protest rallies and her slogans taken from Karl Marx which is her right to free speech, but never was pointed out. The press helped cover the overall objective of fighting communism by silencing the troops who lived day in and day out with the civilians in South Vietnam. Most of the reporters stayed in hotels and would only show up after the battle was done. Then they put their spin to work by slanting the facts to the anti-war view.

When you use Major O'Donnell's quote, you are taking it out of context. He was a military person who believed in what he was doing and was saying that they were doing an honorable mission to help the South Vietnamese. To have the country think that it was a terrible waste is what he wanted people to learn. Having the politicians keep the military from winning is what he wanted to them to learn. The Democrats are doing the same thing now in Iraq.

In closing please remember this, all the time the peaceniks were saying how they wanted to save American lives, the troops saw how the enemy kept fighting. The enemy even used the protesters to get the United States out by stalling the Paris Peace Accord. How long did it take to decide on the size and shape of the bargaining table?

Do you know what a North Vietnamese general told his counterpart after the war? We were going to surrender till we saw the anti-war movement in America gain strength. We then decided to prolong the war.

Did you know that I have over 500 cards of sympathy that we received from the time my brother was reported MIA to two weeks after his funeral. That represents a month and a half. Not one was from a peacenik. Not one peacenik contacted my family to give condolences.

Did you view the link "A Proud American Flag?" That tear was because baggage was placed on top of my brother's casket in Denver. Did you also know that a year before his death I saw three peaceniks verbally abuse my brother while in uniform? Have you not talked to the thousands of troops that were verbally abused when they returned from Vietnam? A lot were spat on as they were walking through LAX. Does this not seem like a contradiction in what the peaceniks were saying?

You may see it as blind patriotism, but then you only have heard one voice, the voice that supported communism masked as U.S. patriotism.

Glen Luse

Vietnam soldiers are due respect

Dear Ms. Prins,

Your words in Vietnam memories prove blind patriotism wrong in the Oct. 3, 2006

Whitworthian online do not honor my husband WO1 Glenn D. Moore, KIA Feb. 8, 1968 in Vietnam.

My husband was not ordered to war. He volunteered for duty, as do so many of our military.

Glenn was a 22-year-old Army helicopter pilot and to replace your face reflecting from the wall, here is Glenn's:



I strongly suggest that you read the materials to Glenn at The Virtual Wall Web site: <http://www.virtualwall.org/dm/MooreGD01a.htm> and while you are there, read some of the others as well.

Those are not just names on a wall that blur as you admire your reflection from the wall. Each of those names were people. Our sons, husbands, brothers, uncles, cousins and friends fought side by side to give the freedoms we take for granted in this country to the citizens of Vietnam.

Those in the U.S. military who do not want to bear arms in war have rights — it would behoove you to become familiar with those rights before you make the comparative statements you did in the above referenced article.

One of our many freedoms in this country is free speech. We are all entitled to our opinions and we are entitled to disagree, but when the freedom of speech is abused in the manner you put forth in your article, it dishonors our KIA in all wars past and present.

Your standing upon the death of our loved ones as your soap box to put forth your own personal opinions is both ethically and morally wrong.

Sue King (Moore) Marshall

Re: "Students visit Israel ..."

Misleading ideas about Mid-East

This letter is in response to the misleading facts and symbols of the Palestine-Israeli conflicts. I have compiled seven talking points that I feel needed to be brought to light about the whole situation of Israel.

First off, the map in the newspaper is mislabeled, Palestine is not a state. The state is entirely Israel with a political influence of Palestine areas. There is no true state of Palestine.

Second, Laverty's quotes don't match up to reality. She states that the Israeli government does not have any form of psychiatric care for their soldiers. This statement is completely false. Israel has a program called Profile 21 which is a ranking of mental health and anyone who has the characteristics of trauma receive extensive psychiatric help.

Third, there was no war between Israel and Lebanon in recent months, but instead a war between Israel and the terrorist organization, Hezbollah, which murdered 241 Americans in 1984.

Laverty should also recognize that more U.S. aid goes toward Egypt (a Muslim nation) than does money for Israel.

Fourth, Israel must show their dominant military force through its towns and borders, as less than a month ago, thousands of Hezbollah rockets rained down upon Israeli cities. The force is also justifiable from the numerous terrorist attacks carried out by the Hamas organization, among other groups.

Fifth, Israel has made efforts to aid the peace process with Palestine, while Palestine has only smeared its name by receiving tens of thousands of dollars as a reward from Saddam Hussein for successful suicide bombing attacks on the innocent of Israel.

Sixth, Palestinians are not voiceless; they choose to use their voice to elect the terrorist group Hamas as their leaders.

Seventh, a safe bet on whose side to be on is usually the good guy's side: Americans. America is the good guys and we can't realize that then we should reevaluate where we call home. Israel is our ally and should be given

more consideration that the terrorist-led nation of Palestine.

On a final note I leave you with one question: How can a peace process with Palestinians be successful when the Hamas government refuses to recognize the state of Israel and feels this state should be "wiped off the map?"

Eric Fredriksen
Senior

Accounting & Business Management

Re: "What if ... Iraq"

Iraq conclusions nearly irrelevant

I am interested to know exactly what about Mr. Jamieson's article reflects a "New Perspective." To be honest, I feel like I could come to exactly the exact same conclusions if I tuned in to my preferred fear-mongering news media source. I will not get into the specifics of the article, but it is my opinion that they reflect a shamefully biased American ethnocentric perspective. It is an opinion column, however, and I thank The Whitworthian for being a venue of free speech!

Now, allow me to say that I do not disagree with all of these conclusions: I think that a few are spot-on. But for goodness' sake, there is nothing new about them. We can hear them every day with little effort if we so choose. So I ask The Whitworthian staff writers to be a bit more diligent in living up to the name of their column in "Looking at the World from a NEW Perspective" and stretch themselves to produce the good journalism they are undoubtedly capable of.

Kyle Navis
Sophomore

Peace & International Studies

Re: "War breeds a new wave of terrorists"

Liberal viewpoint neglects Sept. 11

Response to "War Breeds a New Wave of Terrorist"

I found myself quite disappointed and almost offended as a Conservative when I read Rachel's article this week. I realize that the article is under the "Opinion" section of our paper, but I would like to point out a few flaws in her logic.

"The statement that, 'the conflict in Iraq has led to deep resentment among Muslims who see it as an interference in their world,' makes no sense to me. Not only have we given them the right to vote safely, we have eliminated the threat of Saddam Hussein. The way I see it, being gassed by your own leader is much more of an 'interference' than having the security of our forces.

"Rachel also said, 'It's hard to believe that terrorist would waste time attacking a country that has done nothing wrong.' Hello! Does 9-11 mean nothing anymore? The War Against Terrorism did not even exist yet, so why did the terrorists attack if we weren't attacking them?

"In the article it stated that six out of 10 Iraqis approve attacks on U.S. forces. If that is so, then why did it also say that 'thirty seven percent of Iraqis want a withdrawal of U.S. troops ...' If my math is correct, that means 60 percent want to attack us, while at the same time 63 percent want us to stay. Something doesn't add up quite right.

"Finally, Rachel's article only used Liberal sources. The Seattle Post, BBC News, ABC News and CBS. I wonder what the other news stations had to say?

Even though this is an opinion article, I believe it is always important to check sources that disagree with the author's point of view. In doing so, one can create a more educated opinion. Also, it's always a good idea to make sure that the numbers you use support your arguments.

Liz Kutrich
Junior
Nursing

By the NUMBERS

Gun violence facts and figures

80

Number of Americans who die from gun violence every day.

16x more

American children are 16 times more likely to be murdered with a gun and 11 times more likely to commit suicide with a gun than children in 25 other industrialized countries combined.

3,523

Number of students expelled in the 1998-99 academic year for bringing a firearm to school.

60

Percentage of high school boys who said they could get a gun if they wanted.

12x higher

The rate of firearm deaths among kids under age 15 is almost 12 times higher in the U.S. than in 25 other industrialized countries combined.

0

Firearm-related deaths reported on the Whitworth campus so far this year.

43

Percent of American households that own guns and have children living at home.

4,200

Number of teens ages 15 to 19 who were killed by guns in 1990; about 11 each day.

43

Percent of deaths of teens between 15 and 24 that were directly related to shootings.

— Compiled by Leah Motz

Information courtesy of:
Centers For Disease Control
Coalition to Stop Gun Violence
U.S. Department of Education
USA Weekend Magazine
Josephson Institute of Ethics



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Whitworth and Gonzaga cadets beat MSU to reclaim regional title

Lucas Beechinor
Staff writer

Whitworth students participating in Army ROTC contended to avenge their broken 14-year winning streak at the annual Task Force Big Sky Ranger Challenge competition last Saturday.

The Bulldog Battalion, comprised of cadets from Whitworth College and Gonzaga University, beat out rival school Montana State University and other local schools as well as regional champions. The event was held at Camp Seven Mile at Seven Mile State Park in Spokane, just north of the Bowl and Pitcher, around the Centennial Trail. It lasted from 6 a.m. to about 6 p.m.

Assistant professor of military science Colonel Alan Westfield is proud of the Whitworth students who serve alongside their Gonzaga comrades.

"They're scholars, they're athletes, they're leaders with a desire to serve others," said Westfield, who has been with the Bulldog Battalion for six years after spending 21 years on active duty. He witnessed the battalion's first defeat in 14 years in October 2005 when MSU won in a very close upset.

"It came down to the last minute," Westfield said, explaining that the final score was based on a complicated algorithm.

"They have a very good team," Westfield said of MSU's ROTC program.

This year the Bulldog Battalion was ready to retake their title.

"Everyone is really dedicated. You don't want to let your team down," said sophomore Luke Fletcher, a member of Bulldog Battalion's Blue Team. Fletcher and others in his battalion practiced from 4 to 6 a.m. three days a week for the last month in preparation for the competition.

The Ranger Challenge is a series of events in which cadets from nine different coed teams from schools around the Inland Northwest such as Eastern Washington University, Idaho State University and Gonzaga University compete in a series of military exercises for top performance. This was the first Ranger



Challenge with both men and women competing together.

The Bulldog Battalion has two competing groups, Black Team and Gold Team, who represent the rest of the Battalion at the challenge. Other teams support them by facilitating events and helping out in different ways.

Events included a brutal Army physical fitness test, in which cadets must do 49 push-ups and 51 sit-ups in under two minutes, which is substantially more than what cadets do in regular exercises. They also complete a two-mile run in a limited amount of time.

"The idea is to bump everything up a notch," Fletcher said of the exercises of Ranger Challenge, which makes the competition very trying both physically and mentally.

Other events included a grenade assault course, a one-rope-bridge course, an M-16 simulator assembly and disassembly, a land navigation course, and a 10k ruck march which Fletcher helped facilitate.

The 10k "ruck run" is the final event where teams take part in a timed race dressed in full combat attire, including a Kevlar helmet and non-lethal M-16 simulator.

"That's the toughest," Westfield said of the ruck run.

In the grenade assault course, cadets must throw simulated grenades from various distances and hit a target area within a certain range. For the 40-meter toss, cadets must hit their target within 5 yards. Another round involves a bunker assault with grenades.

The one-rope-bridge challenge is an exercise where cadets must cross a simulated river using a single rope.

"It's very much a teamwork event," Fletcher said, explaining that teammates must wrap the rope around a tree in a sort of special knot and hold it long enough for each member to cross and re-cross the river.

In the land navigation course, teams divide into groups of two or three cadets and navigate through a large wooded area. Groups must plot points onto a new map then race around the area finding points based off a compass heading using a compass and a special protractor. Teams strategize so that the fastest runners go for farther points and other groups can double-back to cover points that other teams may have missed.

Cadets must stay together for the entire march in order to finish. Fletcher described how the cadets must all push each other hard to keep going in the face of severe fatigue that comes with hours of rigorous physical activity.

But the Battalion's hard work paid off.

"We came in not sure about what would happen," said junior Mark Anderson, a member of Black Team. "We were only about 20 points ahead on the last competition."

The Bulldog Battalion was in second place for most of the day, but took the lead in later events.

Junior Nolan Johnson lamented how tired he was by the day's end.

"We worked real hard the last month," Johnson said. "Overall, it was a successful day."

Fletcher and his fellow cadets enjoy the experience of team work and the satisfaction that comes with being a part of the best ROTC program in the region.

"It's not just getting up at 5 a.m.," Fletcher said, who plans on going into active duty with the Army sometime in the near future.

Although the Bulldog Battalion is the only unit comprised of cadets from two different schools, there is no questioning the loyalty and cooperation that makes them the best at what they do.

"We're all a part of the Bulldog Battalion. Same unit, same goals," Westfield said.

TOP: Whitworth junior Nolan Johnson participates in the sit-up portion of the physical fitness test. RIGHT: Members of the Bulldog Battalion complete the hand grenade assault course. ALL BOTTOM: Members of the Bulldog Battalion complete a series of challenge events.

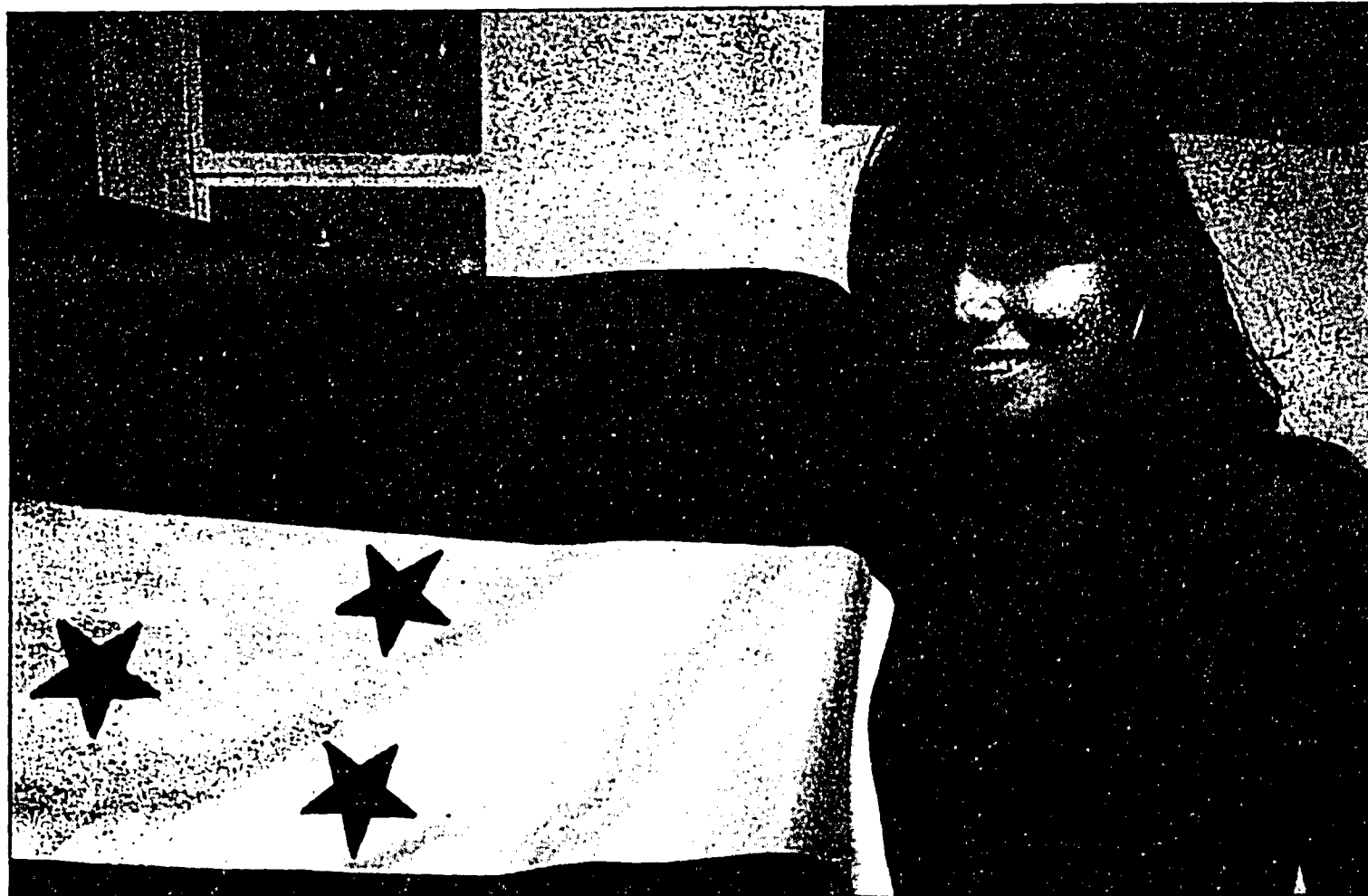
All photos courtesy of Luke Fletcher



TASK: Two-mile run



TASK: 49 push-ups



Jesse Clark/Whitworthian

Freshman Iveth Canales stands next to the Honduran national flag in her room. Canales came to Whitworth from Honduras through a Whitworth alumna and is pursuing a degree in business.

Honduras student overcomes odds

Mikael Fuller
Staff writer

There is a special story behind the smile of freshman Iveth Canales. Canales came from Honduras through an incredible dream, the help of a Whitworth alumna and the grace of God. She has overcome hardships in her life to pursue and achieve her goals.

Canales is from the small mountain village of Municipio, Honduras, where she lived with her mother, 5 sisters and 3 brothers. The village has no electricity or running water. Her mother always encouraged her children to follow their dreams and emphasized the importance of education even

though it was not an easy opportunity as it is for most children in the states. Canales, along with some of her brothers and sisters, walked miles to a one-room elementary school.

"I need to learn and explore the world," Canales said. When Iveth was 13 she moved to the capital, Tegucigalpa, to live with her sister and attend junior high school. She was overwhelmed by the people, the many lights and the big city.

Since high schools in Honduras are divided by what you want to study, Iveth then went to a business high school.

High school was a crucial turning point in her life. Through one of her girlfriends from school, she met alum-

na Sheila Maak. Maak graduated from Whitworth in 1997 and spent three years in Honduras working on economic development with the Peace Corps. She spent the next 5 years building a Junior Achievement program where she was the executive director. This program developed business programs in public schools.

In 2002, Canales was chosen to be a part of the Junior Achievement program in her high school. Iveth and two other girls won the competition for Banks in Action, which dealt with the marketing and trading aspects of business and banking. The day after their high school graduation,

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Epic Records offers freshman lucrative music contract



Jesse Clark/Whitworthian

Freshman Ryan Darbonne excitedly plays his guitar outside Baldwin-Jenkins. Epic Records recently offered Darbonne a recording contract.

Kelly MacDonald
Staff writer

Rumors have been flying about an aspiring freshman musician with a possible music contract. As students walked around the halls of Baldwin-Jenkins they heard many stories.

"I heard he is a millionaire."

"I heard he drives a Porsche."

"I heard he is touring with Jason Mraz this summer."

For freshman Ryan Darbonne comments such as these have been circulating and quickly becoming exaggerated.

"I never meant it to be a big thing," Darbonne said. "I didn't even want it to be out."

Even though the rumors were false, the real news was hard to keep contained. On Sept. 28, Darbonne got a call from his friend and drummer Todd Whitman with whom he had recorded a demo over the summer.

A producer was interested in Darbonne and wanted him to complete an album that would possibly be publicized or affiliated with Epic Records.

If everything goes as planned Darbonne could receive \$500,000 to produce an album over this next summer and be signed to a 12.5 million dollar contract after the album is accepted.

Those outside his room at the time of the call overheard the conversation, Darbonne said, and the word quickly spread.

Darbonne is quick to suppress the rumors. "There's so many paths this can take. We're trying not to make it a big deal yet," Darbonne said.



The deal with Epic Records would offer Ryan Darbonne \$12.5 million to sign with the label, which has previously recorded music by AC/DC, Good Charlotte, Jennifer Lopez, The Fray and Michael Jackson.

Last summer, Darbonne created a demo and sent it out to record companies such as Epic, Maverick and Brushfire.

"It's fun to have them listen and at least to get their feedback," Darbonne said. "I had never planned on recording seriously."

He views his good fortune as hard work and good connections paying off.

"You really get out of it what you put into it. You have to push," Darbonne said.

For Darbonne, working on music has been a lifelong endeavor. He has been interested in music since childhood.

"My parents said I sang before I spoke," Darbonne said.

After finding his preference in guitar, Darbonne has quickly become an esteemed musician.

"He's really talented," said freshman Justin Farris, Darbonne's band member and roommate. "He has an excellent ear. I was amazed."

Too many questions are still unanswered

for Darbonne to know where his music career will take him. He plans to continue his studies at Whitworth. If the contract does not pan out the way he hopes, Darbonne is considering a song writing contract while in college because school is his first priority.

"I want something to fall back on. I wouldn't sacrifice school for anything. It would take a lot for me to leave," Darbonne said.

But music is definitely going to remain a part of his life.

"I would love to be sitting on a bus with my friends and playing music the rest of my life," Darbonne said. "Music is the main thing."

When Darbonne came to Whitworth he hadn't realized that he would be living with his future band members. Also in the band is freshman Oliver Walter. The three jam together and Darbonne hopes to include them in his possible music career.

"If you stripped off all the music I would want to hang out with them anyway. They're a blast," Darbonne said.

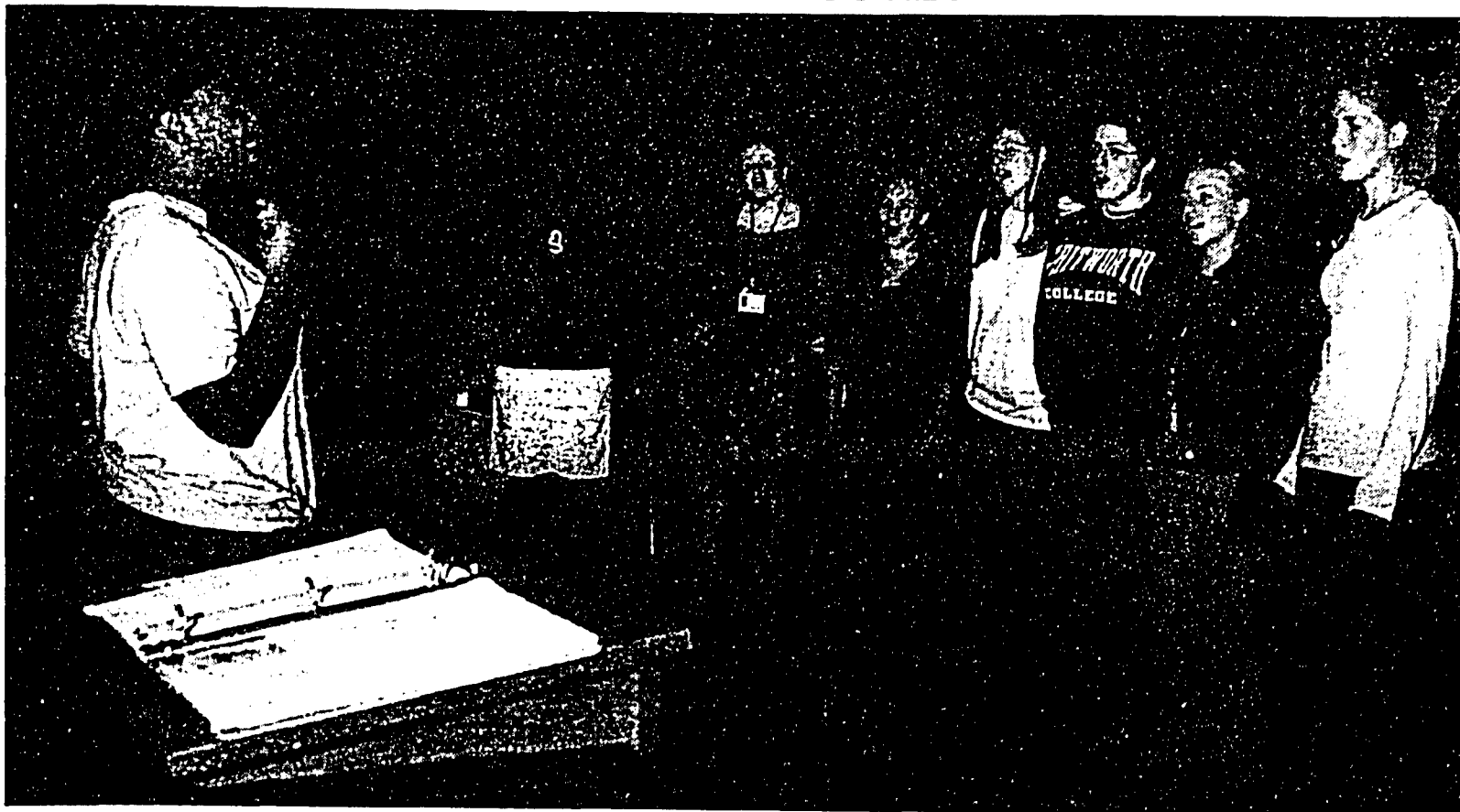
The trio is scheduled to play at the Bop-pell Coffee House tomorrow at 9:30 p.m.

Darbonne explained his music style as unique.

"It's acoustic pop-rock, flip-flop with a hip-hop influence," Darbonne said.

The rumors may be false but Darbonne is looking forward to the future, however uncertain.

"I've got nothing to lose," Darbonne said. "No tour with Jason Mraz. But I'd certainly be open to it."



ABOVE: Senior Sha'Nay McQuirter directs the soprano section at a recent Exceptional Praise rehearsal in the Seeley G. Mudd Chapel. The gospel group has grown to almost 65 members this fall.

RIGHT: Freshmen Thomas Walters and sophomore Erin Cooley belt out a song of worship at a recent rehearsal.

Gospel music ignites worship

Natalie Johnson
Staff writer

Senior Sha'Nay McQuirter grew up singing in choir at school and singing gospel music at her church. When she came to Whitworth three years ago, she was surprised to see gospel wasn't being sung on the campus. Despite the fact that the majority of the student population was white, McQuirter believed that gospel music had a place on the Christian campus.

"My main goal is to educate students about African-American culture through song and build cross-cultural relationships through gospel music," McQuirter said.

She also stressed that the group needed to have fun.

The gospel choir, now known as Exceptional Praise, had a rough beginning. McQuirter recruited 25 singers for the group her sophomore year and while all of them had singing experience, few of them knew anything about gospel music.

Something that surprised the choir was that McQuirter didn't use sheet music to teach the songs. She led rehearsal by singing the

"Whitworth has a lot of stereotypes and this breaks them."

Erin Cooley,
Sophomore

notes to the group and making them CDs of gospel music.

"A lot of gospel singing is just by ear," McQuirter said.

She emphasized the importance of feeling the music instead focusing on notes on a page.

"Nobody taught me anything I know. The music is in me," McQuirter said.

The singers caught on quickly, but rehearsing was difficult because they couldn't find a place to meet on a regular basis. At times the choir literally wandered around campus until they found an open classroom, McQuirter said. Eventually, McQuirter made ties in the chapel and last year the group began meeting there to rehearse weekly.

Another difficulty involved the choir's name. Since the group wasn't an official school choir or even an ASWC-sponsored club,

they weren't allowed to use the name Whitworth Gospel Choir. Just this year, the group decided to call themselves Exceptional Praise.

"I like the name," junior member David Perry said. "Everyone wants our praise to be exceptional, not sub-par."

With a new name and renewed passion, Exceptional Praise is bigger than ever. Now in its third year, the group has grown to 65 members.

McQuirter isn't quite sure what to attribute the growth to, but suspects that more students are showing interest in the group because it's different and attracts singers whether they are involved in choir already or not. Also, the group is not as demanding or time-consuming as other choirs on campus.

"It's a very stress-free group," McQuirter said.

Freshman Kayla Maddy came to the choir mostly out of curiosity and then decided to stay.

"It's a fun way to praise God and not worry about technicalities," Maddy said.

As it grows, Exceptional Praise has gained more and more recognition on campus and in the

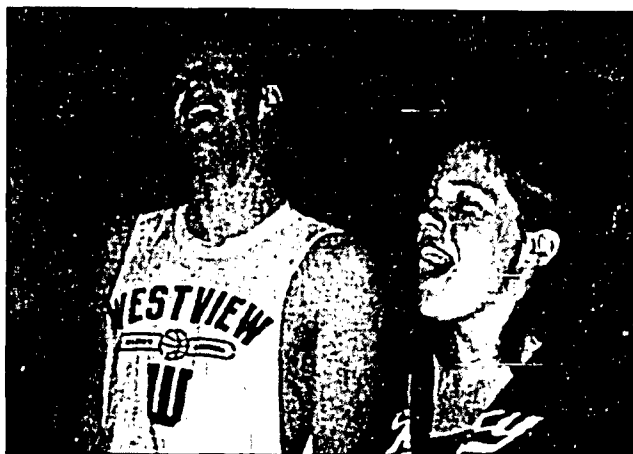
Spokane community. They have already performed at Missions Fellowship's Global Worship, a women's revival at the Service Station and at the Seeley G. Mudd Chapel last Thursday. More performances are lined up, including visits to Spokane schools, Black Student Union events and area churches. They also plan on performing at the Gospel Explosion, a gospel music festival hosted by Whitworth and a Martin Luther King Jr. luncheon.

"We're doing some big things this year," McQuirter said. "A group this big deserves to be recognized. There's no other group like this on campus."

One unique aspect of Exceptional Praise is that the group is made up of predominately white students.

Sophomore and second-year member Erin Cooley said singing in the group is different than anything she's done before.

"It's very soulful compared to my white Presbyterian church," Cooley said. "I think people need to come and experience [Exceptional Praise] because Whitworth has a lot of stereotypes and this breaks them."



City LIFE

Acrobatic circus adapted to a Broadway stage

Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy, a traveling acrobatic circus adapted to a Broadway stage, will have two showings in Spokane this weekend.

Combining inventive costumes, trapeze style acrobatics and special effects, this show is great affordable entertainment. The performances are this Saturday at 4 and 8 p.m. at the I.N.B. Performing Arts Center.

Tickets range from \$15-28 and can be purchased online at www.ticketwest.com or via phone at 509-353-6500.

Film festival highlights local independents

The fourth annual Flicker Film Festival showcases local and independent filmmakers works.

All films are under 15 minutes long. There will be two showings this Sunday at 2 and 6 p.m. at the CenterStage Theater. Tickets are \$5 each. Call 509-74-STAGE for more information.

All-girl trio tours for new album release

Dirty Martini, a Portland based all-girl trio, describe themselves as a rock/folk/pop combo. On Sept. 26 they released their latest album, "Tea and Revenge," which they are currently promoting.

All three members had solo careers before combining their efforts into Dirty Martini. They will be playing at the Big Easy Wednesday Oct. 18 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at www.ticketwest.com.

MAC presents family event this weekend

This Saturday the Northwest Museum of Arts & Culture is hosting a family event with activities centered around the exhibit "Petland: One Woman's Century."

The Spokane Humane Society's mobile pet adoption center will also be there and is welcoming pet food donations. Cost is \$10 per family, but is free for all MAC members.

The events run from noon to 3 p.m. For more information call 509-456-3931.

— Compiled by
Bethany Hergert

Rock City Grill lacks college appeal



Galen Sanford
Staff writer

Last night I spent \$20 at the Rock City Grill. I was disappointed. After working three hours at Starbucks to earn that \$20, all I got was a calzone and a milkshake. I waited thirteen minutes for a waiter to take my order.

*NSYNC and Savage Garden played distractingly. My waiter was incredibly nice and accommodating, but to be honest, my friend Megan makes better calzones.

Judging by the prices, Rock City Grill, which sells sandwiches as well as traditional Italian fare, is not supposed to appeal to college students. Sandwiches average nine dollars, calzones and pizza are between nine and 16 dollars and entrees range from \$10.25 for spaghetti to \$21.75 for steak. On a college budget, dinner for one will cost you \$20 after

a beverage, tax and tip.

For \$20 I expected notable food, prompt service and a comfortable atmosphere. Rock City Grill was zero for three. I ordered a "PG Calzone" for \$11.25 and though it looked appetizing, it tasted like vinegar. The pickled artichoke hearts overwhelmed the other ingredients. Thankfully, it was filling and I only had to eat half. My friend's \$13.50 linguine myzithra was small and not nearly as good as Spaghetti Factory's nine-dollar myzithra.

My chocolate milkshake had to be sent back because it did not

taste like chocolate, though my friend's strawberry milkshake was problem free. The complimentary bread was greasy from the garlic butter. Maybe I'm being picky, but \$20 at Tomato Street buys you much better food. Come to think of it, \$20 at Red Robin buys you better food.

So if the food is not good, why are the prices high? I think they're banking on their location. The restaurant is located in River Park Square just across the street from Riverfront Park. Of course, between you and a view of the

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A&E BRIEFS

Gallery displays visiting artist's original works

The Koehler Gallery is spotlighting the work of visiting artist José Parlá. Parlá, originally from Puerto Rico, is now based in New York.

Parlá's contemporary style of art fuses painting with found objects to create unique works.

He draws inspiration from life, politics and culture. His work will be available for viewing through Oct. 26.

Penzance opens this Friday at Whitworth

The Whitworth theatre department's fall production, "Pirates of Penzance," opens this Friday.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling 509-777-3707.

—Compiled by
Bethany Hergert

Weekly EVENTS

TUESDAY | OCT. 10

- Marina Shishova lecture 7 p.m. in science auditorium
- Lilly's mentor lunch, noon in HUB conference rooms
- José Parlá exhibit, Koehler Gallery

WEDNESDAY | OCT. 11

- Whitworth Foundation Board of Directors 7:30 a.m. HUB conference rooms
- José Parlá exhibit, Koehler Gallery
- Noel Castellanos lecture, 8 p.m., Robinson Teaching Theatre

THURSDAY | OCT. 12

- DaVinci Code discussion 4 p.m., Robinson Teaching Theatre
- Film showing 9:30 p.m., HUB café

FRIDAY | OCT. 13

- Parent's Weekend
- Pirates of Penzance, 8 p.m. in Cowles Auditorium

SATURDAY | OCT. 14

- Parent's Weekend
- Duvall Hall dedication, 11 a.m.
- Monte Carlo casino and dance, 8:30 p.m. to midnight
- Pirates of Penzance, 8 p.m., Cowles Auditorium

SUNDAY | OCT. 15

- Pirates of Penzance, 2 p.m., Cowles Auditorium

MONDAY | OCT. 16

- José Parlá exhibit, Koehler Gallery

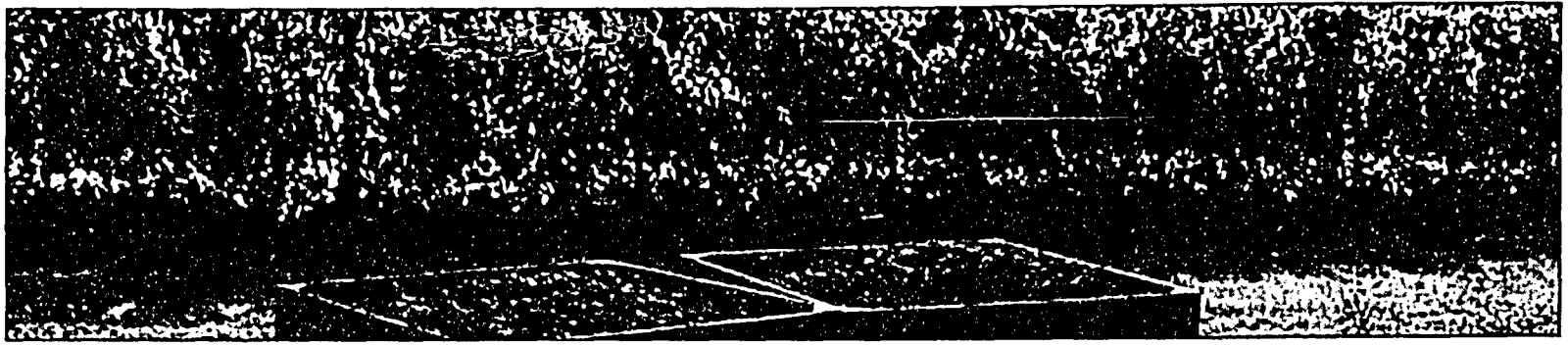


Photo courtesy of www.bethelheights.com

Containers of grapes sit in the sun after being harvested at Bethel Heights Vineyard in Oregon's Willamette Valley. The Casteels, some of who are alumni, own and operate the vineyard and winery as a family endeavor.

Harvesting with care

Winery grows out of alumni's desire for life away from city bustle

Nichole Belts
Guest writer

The Casteel family plants and prunes vines while grapes ferment in barrels in the crowded Bethel Heights Vineyard wine making room. Last year's vintage must be bottled before the wine ferments too much. Winters in Oregon's wine haven of Willamette Valley means the family is hard at work.

Terry ('64) and Ted ('64) Casteel's families own and operate Bethel Heights Vineyard. This is a true family business: Terry Casteel is the winemaker and his wife, Marilyn Webb, is the business manager; Ted Casteel is the vineyard manager and his wife, Pat Dudley, is the marketing director. Terry and Marilyn's son, Benjamin Casteel, is the assistant winemaker; their other son, Jon Casteel, is the cellar master at Rex Hill Winery, in Newberg, Ore. Ted and Pat's daughter, Mimi Casteel, and her husband own and operate Wandering Angus cidery next door to Bethel Heights; their other daughter, Jessica Casteel, does national marketing for Bethel Heights from Chicago.

In short, the entire family is involved in the wine making process. Benjamin will become the senior winemaker when Terry retires in about three years.

"I would love it if my son ends up having his son take over the business," Terry said.

Bethel Heights was one of the first vineyards planted in the Eola Hills outside of Salem, Ore. in 1977. The brothers wanted a change from urban life and decided to start a vineyard. Ted and Pat taught history at the University of Michigan at Dearborn.

Terry and Marilyn moved because they wanted a simpler life in a rural setting away from the hustle and bustle of Seattle's University district and Terry's private psychology practice.

We fell in love with pinot noir, Terry said. To learn more about the wine business, Terry Casteel took wine chemistry and microbiology short courses at the University of California-Davis, adding to his Chemistry minor from Whitworth. Ted and Pat took viticulture (grape growing) short courses at Davis after moving back to Oregon in 1972.

Each family member struggled to find a



niche at the vineyard that fit their personalities, having already been in successful careers, Terry said.

"It was probably a crazy risk to take," Terry said.

But turning the raw grape product to wine, and bottling it themselves was something the two families could do together.

Success is dependant on nature and making a good pinot noir is a challenge in Oregon. Currently, the winery produces about 10,000 cases of wine each year — that's 120,000 bottles and 90,000 liters of wine made annually at Bethel Heights.

The whole family gets down and dirty to turn grapes into wine during fall crush production time from the end of September through October. To make room to spread out the fermenting vats, the entire winery is reorganized. The already-bottled wine from the previous vintage is shipped out to storage warehouses to create more free space.

Terry and Ted taste test their grapes to decide when each section of vineyard should be harvested every day during crush. Ted calls in a picking crew to harvest the ripe sections until all of the fruit collected. Processed fruit soaks in a cold-room water solution for five days and sometimes heat and yeast are added to the solution to encourage fermentation.

Most of a grape's flavor and aroma is in its skin, Terry said, and the solution needs to be fairly warm to extract all of the goodies. The family continually checks the temperature of the solution to ensure a slow fermentation process, which extracts the most flavors, aromas and colors possible from the grapes.

A cap of skins form on the fermenting vats

as the sugar in the grapes converts to alcohol, heat and carbon dioxide. The family pushes the skins back down into the solution two to three times daily. After the sugar is dry, the solution is pressed into a tank and left to sit for about 24 hours for the chunks of fruit to settle out. The wine is pumped into barrels and left there until the next bottling season where a second fermentation transforms acids in the wine, making the liquid creamier.

The brothers decide which barrels to combine, creating blends before bottling. Some of the most fun the brothers have happens then, Terry said, as they decide how to blend the wines for the most appealing and tasty results. If barrels need more ripening time, they are shoved into a corner and sit waiting for the next bottling. There is no other way to make wine and it is never an easy process for the family, Terry said.

Ecological preservation is important at Bethel Heights. Oregon's Low Input Viticulture and Enology Inc. program (LIVE Inc.) was founded partly through Ted's efforts in 1997. The program focuses on putting as few chemicals into the ground as possible and managing watersheds wisely, both without forcing a potentially profit-devastating commitment.

"It's an attempt to minimize the inputs that come into our vineyard and our winery that would change the ecology," Terry said.

A vineyard must adhere to some practices and prohibit others to be certified. Vineyards must plant nutrient-replenishing groundcover but they cannot use residual herbicides. Growers must also institute ecological alternatives at their wineries.

"As a family, we're really committed to it," Terry said. "It takes a lot of hard work and sacrifice to make a business work. The wine business is more than a job; it's a lifestyle."

For more information, visit:

- Bethel Heights Vineyard
www.bethelheights.com
- Low Input Viticulture and Enology, Inc.: Certified Sustainable Wines and Vines
www.liveinc.org

Grapevine HUMOR



Alternatives to the alcohol scene ...

- Root beer kegs.
- Sit on the sidewalk and count the people that run the 5-way stop.
- Watch all three "Lord of the Rings." The extended editions.
- Cans of easy cheese and whipped cream.
- Race a friend in the Duvall elevators.
- Design a new Frisbee golf course on campus.
- Go to Prime Time.
- Build a fort along the entire Hello Walk.
- Learn how to slow-cook a turkey.
- Take up knitting and make hats and scarves for your entire hall.

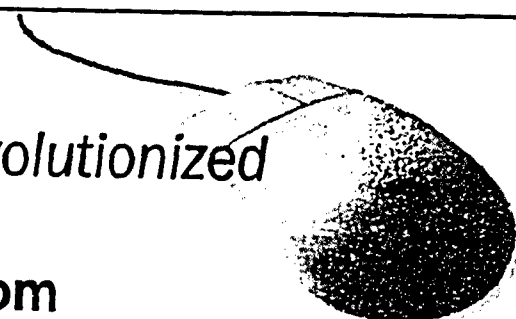
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Jars of Clay repeats success

Album fuses fresh sound with meaningful lyrics

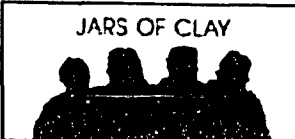
Dani Kling
Staff writer

Jars of Clay, one of Christian rock's most prominent and influential bands for 13 years strong, fresh off their "Redemption Songs" tour, released "Good Monsters" on Sept. 5. It has already been awarded "Album of the Year" by CCM magazine.

Reinvention seems to be a common trend in the musical progression of Jars of Clay. Each of their albums has been unique, moving from elements of string instrumentals and pop melodies to their folk and bluegrass roots. "Good Monsters" is yet another fresh sound that has a more modern indie style as heard in the opening track "Work." Tied in with the melodically crafted guitars is intelligent, emotional and raw lyricism.

The album title was inspired by the idea that the modern world is apathetic to the suffering of our fellow man, yet at the same time each individual has the potential to become a "good monster," sinful in nature, but righteous in intention

MUSIC REVIEW



Jars of Clay

★★★★★

Album: "Good Monsters"

Band members: Dan Haseltine, Charlie Lowell, Stephen Mason and Matthew Odmark

Genre: Christian rock

and purpose.

The message of the album deals with the intimate and personal struggles of humanity while asking the hard questions about having faith in this world despite the injustice that exists. The track "Oh my God" heartfully asks: "Oh my God, can I complain? You take away my firm belief and graft my soul upon your grief."

Many of the tracks deal with themes such as brokenness, social justice, healing and compassion. The album was heavily influenced by the band's interest in bring-

ing justice and relief to the AIDS situation in Africa.

Jars is contributing to the relief effort through the non-profit organization Blood: Water Mission, which began in 2004. The organization focuses on bringing clean water to Africa by building wells for a sustainable water supply within each village.

The haunting track "Light Gives Heat" incorporates the voices of African children as lead singer Dan Haseltine truthfully remarks on a Westerner's view of Africa: "Save the children from their lands, wash the darkness of their skin, heroes from the West, we don't know you, we know best."

Perhaps the catchiest track is "Dead Man (Carry Me)" which opens with progressive guitar riffs and jumps into a ballad-like chorus. The song describes being at an empty funeral, "but it was better than the party full of people I don't really know," which actually came from a personal experience that Haseltine described in an interview for CCM magazine.

Haseltine recalls being at a funeral and feeling a sense

of anxiety, wondering who would really know him after he had died. The song comes to the conclusion that we must establish meaningful relationships in our lifetimes and get to really know and understand the people we love.

One aspect of "Good Monsters" is the tendency to ask questions in the lyrics, similar to bands such as Switchfoot who prefer to be inquisitive about the meaning of life rather than explicitly proclaiming Christ. The questions in these songs confront humanity: "Do you know what I mean when I say 'I don't want to be alone'?", "Do you know what you are?", "Why are we so afraid?" The songs do not merely ask people to listen to them; rather they force the listener to ask questions of themselves.

Overall, "Good Monsters" is a landmark album for Jars both musically and in content. The band's first self-titled album is often considered their best with the mainstream hit "Flood" but Jars has found a way to inspire fans all over again.

CollegeSCENE

AN ALTERNATIVE VOICE
TO WHAT IS HAPPENING
ON CAMPUS

Entertainment schedule looking to shift directions

Thomas Ruble
Guest writer

Under the soft glow of a fake deciduous tree strung up in lights, Loch Lomond stood in a semi-circle, singing entirely without amplification over a swelling background loop built from violas, a mandolin and a saw.

Around 40 Whitworth students sat in the dark last Friday night, warming their palms with cocoa and getting soaked to the bone by the sincerity and beauty of Loch Lomond's closing ballad. After the brief pause following the end of their set, everyone present gave a standing ovation.

I also can't remember if it was when Molly Rose's (the opening singer-songwriter and Whitworth alumna) voice barely cracked at the peak of a poignant twisted chorus, or if it was when the closer for the night, Josh Wong, carried on a dialogue with the audience interspersed with songs showing a voice and a conscience that would rival the art of a younger David Bazan, that I felt myself changing, aging into a different person.

The music, the expression, it carried weight. At the cashmere epicenter of Friday's concert was nothing more than bare intimacy. Relaxed set changes, no stage, lots of lamps and caffeine, these are the instruments of Apollo. As Josh Wong brought the evening to a close with an old classic from his Whitworth days in Rand-Univac, everyone walking away knew they were an active part in the vibe.

And the most salient vibe I snatched up was surprise. "I had no idea they would be this good, where did you find them?" was the mantra between sets and as I cleaned up the used spoons afterwards. The answer to that question doesn't really doesn't matter. But the fact that students pose it does.

Campus activities are going to be a horse of a different color this year.

In fact, two horses.

Keeping with the tradition of dualism, I'll assert there are largely two aspects of student life. One is opportunity you pay to have and the other is community or open communication of ideas and art. In the past, we've confounded these two in campus activities, but I want to give each their due respect.

No one is going to make you watch "Nowhere in Africa" (a German film and winner of 5 Golden Globes) this Thursday, but I believe it is part of the archetype of any educational institution to give that opportunity. Stimulate. Excite. Anger us. That's what colleges are here for. Hence the general direction our big campus events are going. And let me interject here that after next Thursday we will have to sadly put Half Past Nine down indefinitely. There are still going to be plenty of large weekly activities, but we have to sacrifice regularity for variety.

But the professional flavor campus events have taken on leaves us in need of a reliable venue for student's voice. Solution: Friday evenings at 9 p.m. in the Mind and Hearth there will be a student with something to show and say, from poetry to music to art. A college needs a way for everyone to be heard, and this year it will take place regularly over latte foam. E-mail Thomas Ruble at truble08@whitworth.edu to get in on the action.

"College Scene" is a column written by activities coordinator Thomas Ruble. Opinions in this column do not reflect those of The Whitworthian.

GRILL: Good location does not make up for poor atmosphere

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park is a ramp to the parking garage.

And they are playing *NSYNC, Savage Garden and other 1990s music. Not that I do not like Savage Garden, but for an Italian restaurant trying to be hip, mid-90s elevator music is not the best choice. Tony Bennett is.

In other news, two of the faucets in the men's restroom did not work and it smelled foul. I had plenty of time to explore while we waited thirteen minutes to order.

Once we ordered it was four minutes until our waiter delivered our drinks and another six until he brought our food. We stayed in the restaurant

for 45 minutes, which is not too long, but it would have been an hour had we actually finished our food.

Twenty dollars for mediocre food, slow service and an annoying atmosphere wins the Rock City Grill two stars. If you want Italian, take your \$20 to the Old Spaghetti Factory and buy dinner for two.

HONDURAS: Canales works on business major to impact future

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the three then traveled to Uruguay for a conference where the youth of developing countries discussed experiences, opinions, knowledge and ideas to help their country.

As Canales became more involved in Junior Achievement her friendship with Maak grew. Canales applied for, and received, a position as a coordinator for Junior Achievement.

Canales also applied for, and received, a scholarship to Georgetown University. She instead attended a university in Honduras and continued to work for Junior Achievement.

Maak pushed Canales to look into Whitworth and tell the school her story. She applied to Whitworth and was admitted. Through scholarships from Whitworth and financial

support from the Maak family, Canales is attending her first semester at Whitworth this fall.

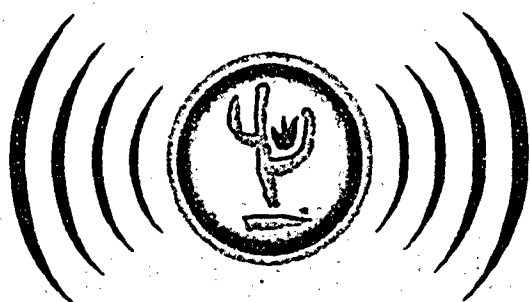
Canales is studying business in hopes of using her degree and experience to build a bridge between the divisions of classes in Honduras. By becoming familiar with the business world, Canales wants to eliminate the lack of resources and knowledge within the poor community.

"Si una persona quiere un pascado, no le des el pescado; ensenale a pescar," Canales said.

This translates, "if a man wants a fish, don't give him the fish. Teach him how to fish." This is the mentality Canales wants the community of Honduras to have in order to develop as a country.

"I have my smile and no matter how hard things are, I will always have my smile," Canales said.

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Whitworth wins pair of shutouts

Elise Page
Staff writer

The Whitworth women's soccer team won with two shutouts last weekend against the Lewis & Clark College Pioneers in Portland and the Whitman College Missionaries in Walla Walla, Wash.



MOTZ

Last Friday night, the Pirates took on the Pioneers and shut them out by a score of 3-0.

After a scoreless 70 minutes, junior midfielder Jael Hagerott, assisted by freshman midfielder Lindsey Oakes, scored the first goal.

"The general atmosphere of the game was really fast-paced because we were playing on turf," Oakes said.

"We played a different formation for the first half because of the turf, but then switched back to our usual formation.

After that, it all came together pretty quickly."

Sophomore forward Penelope Crowe scored the next goal just 20 seconds later to make the score 2-0 after beating three defenders on a breakaway after a pass from junior forward Greta Thibodeau.

Seven minutes later, Crowe took a free kick from 30 yards to score her second goal of the match and the final for the Pirates.

"Penelope (Crowe) is always in the right place at the right time and she has a really powerful shot," sophomore forward Tori Crain said.

Junior goalkeeper Leah Motz made five saves for the Pirates.

Last Saturday, the Pirates took on the Missionaries and came away with a 1-0 win.

Hagerott scored a penalty kick in the 25th minute of the game after a Whitman defender's slide tackle knocked down freshman forward Stephanie Wipf. It was Hagerott's fourth goal of the season.

"Jael is the glue that holds our team together," Oakes said.

The Pirates outshot the Missionaries 13-6, with three shots on goal for Whitworth and only two on goal for Whitman.

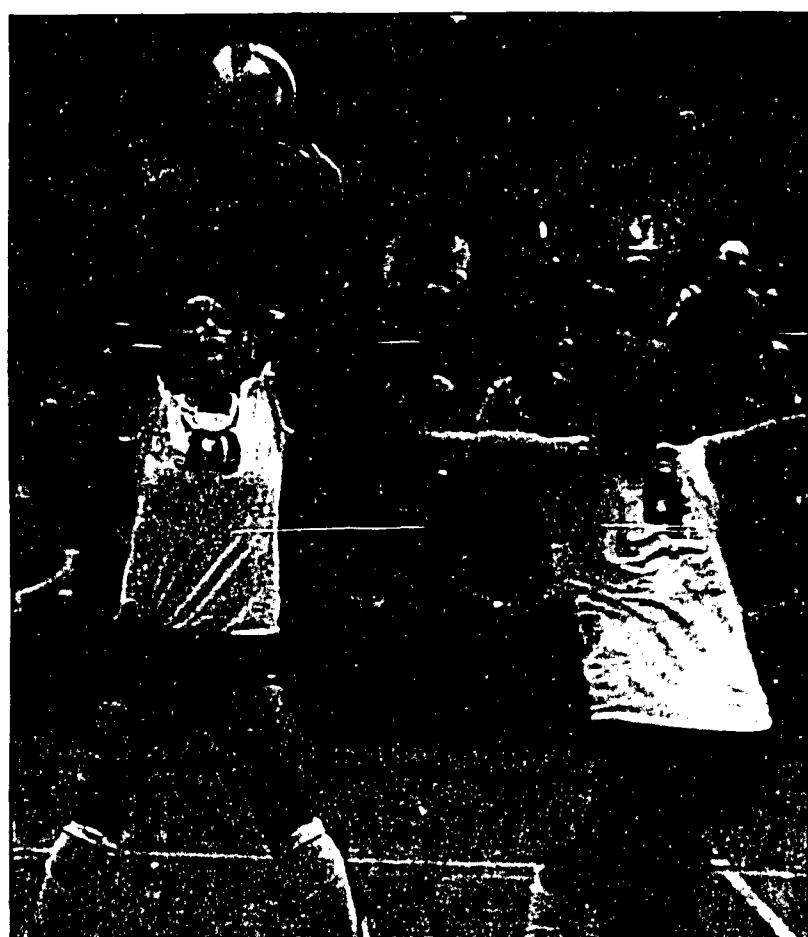
The Missionaries had the opportunity to score in the second half when Whitman's Corina Gabbert narrowly missed scoring a header that went just wide of the post.

With the two shutouts this last weekend, Motz has now increased her shutout total to six this season and lowered her goals against average to (.70).

Last weekend's victory kept the Pirates in second place for the Northwest Conference with a record of 6-1-1. The Pirates will take on the top-ranked Willamette Bearcats this weekend in Salem, Ore.

The Bearcats, who are ranked fifth in the nation, handed the Pirates their only NWC loss of the season by the score of 3-1 on Sept. 17.

"Our team as a whole is really prepared mentally for Willamette next week. We're really excited," Crain said. "It's going to be really physical and emotional and we're ready."



Sophomore setter Holly Ridings sets the ball to senior middle blocker Tamra Stark for a kill last Saturday against the Pacific University Boxers. The Boxers won the match in five games.



Senior outside hitter Nicole Vander Meulen angles a kill against the Boxers last Saturday night.

"We came out with a fire, but we didn't keep it."

Cassie Moore.

After the five-game loss to Pacific last Saturday night. The Pirates split a pair of home matches last weekend falling to 3-5 in NWC and 4-15 overall.

Pirates control possession, game

Justin Jose
Staff writer

The Whitworth Pirates started conference play with a 19-7 victory over the Pacific Lutheran Lutes.

With a time-control offense and tough defense, the Pirates came out of Puyallup, Wash. with their first conference win, improving to 5-0 overall, a feat that has been accomplished twice since the 1960 season.

The Lutes fell to 1-4 overall and 1-1 in conference play.

From start to finish, the Pirates dominated the host Lutes. Pacific Lutheran mustered only 200 yards of total offense and held the ball for 16:38, while the Pirates had 442 yards and over 43 minutes of possession.

Throughout the contest, the Lutes were either punting or turning the ball over. The Pirate defense came up with another impressive performance causing four interceptions and recovering a fumble. The Pirate defense quickly disposed of the Lute offense allowing the Pirate offense to control the game.

The first quarter was filled with sloppy play and missed opportunities, as both teams combined for four turnovers. The Lutes coughed up the ball first when junior defensive back Jay Tully intercepted Brett Gordon, Tully's third interception of the season.

The following drive by Whitworth looked promising, but stalled when senior quarterback Joel Clark fumbled at the Lute 38-yard line, giving the ball right back. The Lutes couldn't capitalize and punted back to the Pirates.

The turnovers continued as Clark was intercepted at the Pirate 33-yard line, but the Lutes gave it back as Gordon threw his second interception, this one picked off by junior defensive lineman Justin Rundle. The turnover-filled quarter ended with the Pirates driving towards the Lute end zone looking to capitalize on the interception.

The Pirates responded in the beginning of the second quarter as junior running back Kyle Havercroft ploughed his way into the end zone from four yards out for a 7-0 lead. The Lutes continued their giving ways later in the quarter as junior defensive back Ryan Marshall intercepted the turnover-plagued Lute offense.

Senior kicker Cameron Collings added to the Pirates attack as he booted a 37-yard field goal with 25 seconds remaining in the half making it 10-0. The Pirates grounded 170 yards of offense, countered by 59 yards by the Lutes at the end of the first half.

The Pirates struck first in the third quarter as Collings connected on a 23-yard field goal capping an 11 play, 59-yard drive.

The Lutes were finally able to break through the shutout with a trick play. With the ball on their own 29 following the kickoff, Gordon threw a lateral to back-up quarterback Chris Maine who then hurled a 42-yard pass downfield. Lute wide receiver Craig Chiado, out jumped two Pirate defenders and corralled the pass. The following play, Lute running back Chase Reed bounced off a Whitworth defender and raced 29 yards for the Lutes' lone score. Yet the Lute offense would

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Dig it: Moore sets record

Whitworth defeats Whitman, lose five-game thriller to Pacific

Sara Morehouse
Staff writer

The Pirates' two home games last week brought promise last Wednesday versus Whitman, but didn't quite finish with the desired results last Saturday against Pacific.

Whitworth won last Wednesday's match in five games by the score of 30-24, 21-30, 30-25, 28-30, 15-12. The victory brought the Pirates' standings to 3-4 in the conference and 4-14 overall.

Head coach Steve Rupe said that it was a consistent match with no lulls, though they struggled in game three.

Besides the win, the most notable accomplishment of the evening was the record-breaking 36 digs by junior libero Cassie Moore, breaking Amy Colyar's 14-year-old record of 34 digs.

As a team, the Pirates had 106 digs, carried heavily by Moore and sophomore outside hitter Nikki Bardwell, who had 31.

Senior outside hitter Angie Florence tied Whitman's Lydia Hayes with 22 kills, both players achieving match highs. Senior right side Nicole Vander Meulen contributed 16 kills. Senior middle blocker Tamra Stark blocked six and sophomore setter Holly Ridings had 53 assists.

Even though they had defeated the Missionaries in five games, the Pirates were handed a five-game loss against Pacific last Saturday 30-27, 23-30, 30-19, 20-30, 15-11.

Rupe said they gave away the first game.

"We made mistakes early and we paid for it in the end," Rupe said.

The Pirates led the first game up to 27, but then Pacific took over and won it.

"(The match was) flabbergasting," Moore said. "We came out with a fire, but we didn't keep it."

Florence led Whitworth with 16 kills. Vander Meulen and sophomore outside hitter Holly Tomlin followed with 13 kills each. Tomlin also offered up 56 assists.

Whitworth will host the Linfield College Wildcats this Friday at 7 p.m. and the Willamette University Bearcats Saturday at 5 p.m.

The Wildcats lost their first match of the season to Pacific Lutheran University to drop into second place. The Bearcats currently occupy the last-place position in the NWC.

The Pirates are mostly concerned with Linfield. Freshman outside hitter Caitlin Risk is confident that the Pirates will be on their best game.

"Linfield is going to be hard, but we are going to come out strong," Risk said.

This week, Rupe says that they will watch tapes of games in preparation for the weekend.

"We just have to get better at some basic skills to beat them," Rupe said.

When it comes to individual abilities, freshman middle blocker Tracy Schwada said that everyone has some work to do if they are going to win this weekend.

"It is going to take each person figuring out within themselves what they have to do," Schwada said.

Pirates sweep PLU Invite

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The Whitworth cross-country team will see Pacific Lutheran's course again in a few weeks for the Northwest Conference Championships. If their performances at Conference are anything like their performances on Saturday, they will not be disappointed.

The Pirates swept the team titles at the PLU Invite last Saturday. The women easily took first with 53 points over Western Oregon with 61. The results were closer on the men's side.

After scoring the first five runners, Whitworth and Western Oregon were tied with 43 points, but Whitworth won because Whitworth's sixth place finisher, freshman Collin Stewart, finished before Western Oregon's sixth place finisher with a time of 26:52. In addition, Whitworth's seventh place finisher, junior Paul Long, finished before Western Oregon's sixth finisher with a time of 27:00.

Senior Julie Lauterbach continued her strong season, winning the race for the women with a new course record time of 21:58.8. Running second for the team was freshman Jo E. Mayer.

"I'm pretty happy with how I ran today," Mayer said. "I raced well and PR'd by three seconds."

Also scoring for the Pirates were juniors Andrea Camahan, Emily Hurd and Shannon Newth.

"I think the girls did amazing today," Mayer said. "Everybody really stepped up. Andrea ran



Photo courtesy of David Robinson

Sophomore Jeff Forsyth sprints toward the finish line as he stays on the heels of a Puget Sound runner. Forsyth was the fifth Pirate across the finish line, finishing in 26:38.

really well and pushed me through my race today. Seniors are really the biggest gift the team has. We wouldn't be as good as we are now if it weren't for the seniors who have been really

helpful and supportive throughout the hard workouts."

On the men's side, junior Jacob Deitz finished first for the Pirates and sixth overall with a time of 25:49. Linfield College's Harrison Wilson won the 8000-meter men's race with a new course record time of 25:14.5.

"It was a good course," Deitz said. "It was really fast and flat. The course was four of the exact same laps, so it was almost like running a mile on a track."

Freshman Dusty Caseria (7th overall) was the second Pirate across the line at 25:58, followed by senior Jeff Grassley (9th overall) at 25:59. Junior Travis Huskisson at 26:00 and sophomore Jeff Forsyth at 26:38 also scored for the Pirates in the win.

"(Jeff) Grassley, Dusty (Caseria), Travis (Huskisson) and I stayed together for the first two laps and then ran from there," Deitz said.

In this meet, Whitworth faced many conference teams for the first time.

"It was almost a season opener because we ran head to head against conference teams," Deitz said. "It was a great start."

Deitz felt pleased with the team's performance.

"The meet was really good. There was beautiful weather and it was a beautiful run," Deitz said. "We could've run better, but it was a really good day for us."

The Pirates will race at the Big Foot Invitational hosted by Spokane Falls Community College this Saturday at 11 a.m. On Oct. 28, the NWC Championships will be held at PLU.

Sports BRIEFS

Torre reportedly to be fired after loss to Tigers

Even after four World Series titles in his first five years as the New York Yankee manager, Joe Torre is going to either be fired or forced to resign, according to the New York Daily News. If Torre is fired or resigns, former Yankee player and Seattle Mariner manager Lou Pinella is expected to be the frontrunner for the position. Torre has won more than 1,000 games in a Yankee uniform, but has failed to bring a World Series championship back to the Bronx since 2000.

Bengal wide receiver caught with marijuana

Cincinnati Bengal wide receiver Chris Henry was suspended for two games after breaking the NFL's personal conduct and substance abuse policies. The Bengals suspended him for being caught with marijuana and charged with drug possession as well as for speeding while operating a vehicle under the influence. He was also suspended for being a passenger with a drunk driver, teammate Odell Thurman. Henry faces a \$61,167 fine.

Pacer hit by car, fires gun shots outside club

Indiana Pacer guard Stephen Jackson was hit by a car outside an Indiana strip club last Friday morning. An argument started between patrons and four Pacer players, including Jackson. The players tried to leave but the patrons followed them outside, proceeding to hit Jackson in the mouth and running him over with their car. Jackson then fired five self-defense shots into the air using a 9mm pistol. Jackson suffered minor injuries after the altercation. He needed stitches in his upper lip and face but no other injuries occurred. The Pacers are trying to regain their image perception after an on-court brawl two seasons ago in Detroit, where Jackson was suspended for 30 games.

Holmgren gives Seahawks time off after loss

Seattle Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren sent his players on a week-long vacation after they were defeated 37-6 by the Chicago Bears. Holmgren said he planned the vacation time so they could rest and heal from injuries suffered in the game.

— Compiled by
Yasmeen Cobb

Pirates end first half on high note

Johnson scores lone goal in 1-0 victory over Missionaries

Collin Storm
Staff Editor

Looking to end the first half of the Northwest Conference season with a win, the Whitworth Pirates used a first half goal to make the difference in a 1-0 victory at Whitman College last Saturday.



JOHNSON

The Pirates' senior forward Chris Johnson took a pass from junior midfielder Ryan Powers in the 38th minute, sliced through the right side of the Missionary defense and beat Whitman goalkeeper Brett Axelrod for the only goal of the match.

The Pirates outshot yet another opponent, but could only find the back of the net once. Whitworth

took 18 shots, six of which were on goal, while Whitman took 10 shots, two on goal.

Whitworth senior goalkeeper Kevin Bostock recorded his fourth shutout on the season by making only two saves. Axelrod made five saves in the losing effort.

Senior forward Niko Varlamos had a chance a minute into the game to score the first goal of the game, but the Pirates' all-time leading goal scorer headed a ball that Axelrod made a save on.

The Pirates' senior midfielder Ali Seyedali had a free kick in the 18th minute, but Axelrod once again came up with the save.

In the 20th minute, Whitman had a few chances, but Bostock made a save on Mike Brown's shot. The Missionaries then had two corner kicks in the next minute, but couldn't beat the Pirate defense.

Whitworth also had three corner kicks in a span of two minutes, but couldn't connect on any of them and Whitman cleared the ball.

Then, in the 38th minute, Whitman's Andy Huntington picked up a yellow card and on the ensuing play, Johnson scored. The goal was Johnson's third of the season.

Junior defender Ben Dixon and Seyedali had chances early in the second half, but Dixon's shot went wide and Seyedali had his shot blocked.

The Missionaries had one final chance in the 86th minute, but once again Bostock came up with a big save, this time on Stephen Phillips, to preserve the Pirate victory.

With the victory the Pirates will take a 4-1-2 record into the second half of the season. Whitworth travels to Oregon this weekend to face the Willamette University Bearcats on Saturday and the George Fox Bruins on Sunday.

Ranking the top 10 sports movies

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We have assembled what we feel is a composite list of the top 10 sports movies of all time. Of course, we don't agree on the specific order, but we feel this is a good start. Without further ado:

10. Remember the Titans

A powerful movie that depicts racism on a small-town high school football team in 1971.

9. Field of Dreams

This 1989 film is a classic. As someone said, there are two people in the world: people who cry at the end of "Field of Dreams" and those who do not. Those who do not cry, do not have a heart.

8. Caddyshack

Hilarious movie that features a war between Bill Murray and a gopher.

7. Chariots of Fire

A great movie about the 1924 Olympics that gets overlooked by many people for some reason.

6. Rocky

This boxing classic featuring Sly Stallone is a great movie about searching for self-respect. Stallone is perfect in this film.

5. Miracle

Great Disney movie about the 1980 "Miracle on Ice" at the Olympics. We were not alive at the time, but we would imagine this movie did a great job of capturing the intensity of the situation between the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A.

4. The Sandlot

If it is good enough for Jerry Sittser, it is good enough for us. This took us back to our childhood days when all we had to worry about was whether the trade we made with our baseball cards was okay and when dinner was.

3. Hoosiers

We are not sure there is anything not to like about this movie. In fact, it's so good Colin owns it on VHS, DVD and special edition DVD. Coach Dale's measuring-tape message at the end was phenomenal.

2. Bull Durham

Not only is it the best baseball movie of all time, but our own Leonard Oakland had a hand in it!

1. Rudy

Another movie where people who do not cry do not have a soul. This movie gets us every time. Drop everything and see it if you have not. The way he overcame the odds is a story that is hard to beat.

Coming next week: Bottom 10 sports movies of all time.

CONTROL: Havercroft rushes for 130 yards

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only run 11 more plays in the game.

Both teams traded turnovers as Clark threw another interception and Reed fumbled. The Pirate offense responded by driving the ball to the Lute goal line, but Clark was stopped on fourth and goal from one yard out. With 5:37 left in the game, Havercroft squirmed two yards for the score, capping a Pirate drive of 73 yards on seven plays.

Junior defensive back Phil Entel iced the game for the Pirates when he intercepted Gordon with 4:27 left in the game. The Lutes got the ball back with 28 seconds, but by then it was too late.

Havercroft led the ball control rushing offense Whitworth used, rushing for 130 yards on 30 carries. Clark finished with 65 yards on 19 rushes and passed for 250 yards on 17-31 attempts with two interceptions. Senior tight end Michael Allan led the Pirate wide out corps with 145 yards on eight catches.

The Bucs defense shut the Lutes offense down nearly all game reaping another great team defensive performance. Tully and Marshall led the defense with three tackles and an interception a piece. The lone bright spot for the Lutes was their linebacker Chad Blau who totaled 19 total tackles and a fumble recovery.

The Pirates look to continue their strong start to the season when they host conference foe the Lewis & Clark Pioneers for the homecoming game this Saturday at 1 p.m.



Football

	NWC	ALL
Linfield	2-0	2-2
Whitworth	1-0	5-0
Menlo	1-1	3-2
PLU	1-1	1-4
Willamette	1-1	1-4
L&C	0-1	0-4
UPS	0-2	3-2

Next Pirate game:
Whitworth vs. Lewis & Clark
Saturday, Oct. 14 @ 1 p.m.

Women's Soccer

	NWC	ALL
Willamette	7-1-0	10-1-1
Whitworth	6-1-1	8-1-2
UPS	5-1-2	7-1-3
PLU	5-2-1	8-3-1
Whitman	2-3-3	2-4-3
Linfield	2-4-2	4-6-2
George Fox	2-5-1	4-7-1
L&C	1-6-1	3-8-1
Pacific	0-7-1	2-7-2

Next Pirate game:
Whitworth at Willamette
Saturday, Oct. 14 @ Noon

Men's Soccer

	NWC	ALL
Whitworth	4-1-2	5-3-3
UPS	4-1-1	7-1-1
Pacific	4-2-1	7-2-1
PLU	4-2-0	7-4-0
Linfield	3-2-2	6-3-2
George Fox	2-4-1	6-4-2
Whitman	1-4-2	2-4-2
Willamette	0-6-1	1-10-1

Next Pirate game:
Whitworth at Willamette
Saturday, Oct. 14 @ 2:30 p.m.

Volleyball

	NWC	ALL
PLU	8-0	14-4
Linfield	7-1	14-1
UPS	6-2	11-4
L&C	4-4	6-12
Whitman	3-5	7-9
Pacific	3-5	6-12
Whitworth	3-5	4-15
George Fox	2-6	5-13
Willamette	0-8	4-14

Next Pirate game:
Whitworth vs. Linfield
Friday, Oct. 13 @ 7 p.m.

Player of THE WEEK



Cassie Moore
Libero

Set Pirate record with
36 digs last Wednesday

Get over it Oklahoma, you lost

Colin Storm
Sports Editor

There are a few things I never thought I'd hear myself say: "Go Buckeyes," "I can't wait for the WNBA game tonight" and "Rocky V was really not a bad movie." But, for the first time in my life, I am quoting Justin Timberlake.



"Cry me a river." That's right University of Oklahoma. When they lost on a blown call against the University of Oregon, head coach Bob Stoops and Oklahoma president David Boren cried to the NCAA that the 34-33 loss should be stricken from the record books. "I find it still absolutely inexcusable and unacceptable," Stoops said.

Well, you know what? You don't get every

call in life. Just a few years earlier, your basketball team was on the right side of a few blown calls against Texas Tech. Don't think Bobby Knight wasn't thinking about that when he called you out in the media.

You were worried that because of this loss you might not be in the BCS national championship game. But you shouldn't have even been in that place to begin with, because a national championship-caliber team knows when they smell blood and put the game away.

With 72 seconds left, you had a 33-20 lead. Oregon Ducks quarterback Dennis Dixon scored a touchdown on a 16-yard keeper to bring the Ducks within six at 33-27. That's when the controversy began.

Oregon, with the game on the line, lined up for an on-side kick. The Ducks recovered.

According to Stoops, the replay official failed to see a Duck player touch the ball before it went the minimum 10 yards. Maybe he did, maybe he didn't. It's a tough call.

The point is, the Ducks got the ball, went

down and scored. Oklahoma had one last chance to win on a field goal as time expired, but the Oregon defense blocked the kick ensuring the victory.

Does a national championship team let that game slip away? No.

Then, last weekend, Oklahoma ended their national championship dreams with a 28-10 loss at the hands of the University of Texas Longhorns at home, no less.

After struggling with University of Alabama-Birmingham and the University of Washington, and losing to Oregon and Texas, it's time for Stoops to realize that maybe his Sooner team does not belong in the BCS title game at the end of the season.

Sometimes you get the calls, sometimes you don't. But if the Sooners were a championship team, they wouldn't put themselves in those situations.

Whether the call was right or wrong is irrelevant now. You're out of contention.

Like Timberlake said, "cry me a river."

100 years of Whitworth football to be celebrated

Colin Storm
Sports Editor

It's fitting that at halftime this Saturday, 100 years of Whitworth football will be celebrated. Fitting because one of the Heritage Gallery Hall of Fame halftime inductees, the 1960 Pirate football team, is one of two Pirate teams to start 5-0. Until this year.

Finishing the regular season 9-0, the 1960 Whitworth football team earned a spot in the NAIA national semifinals against Humboldt State. The Pirates, with Hall of Fame coach Sam Adams at the helm, lost to Humboldt on a muddy field in California by a score of 13-6. Until 2001, they were the last Pirate football team to make the national playoffs. In addition to Adams, six other players from that team

have already been inducted as individuals.

Also being inducted is basketball standout Marv Adams. Adams is the fifth all-time leading scorer in Whitworth history, accumulating 1,457 points in his career. The Rogers High (Spokane) product was named First Team Evergreen Conference three times during his tenure at Whitworth. Adams averaged 19 ppg his junior year before averaging 23.3 ppg his senior year. After college, Adams went on to become a superintendent in Mt. Vernon, Wash. and Santa Rosa, Calif.

The Whitworth College Heritage Gallery Hall of Fame is sponsored by the Crimson Club. In addition to the induction ceremony, there will be a breakfast at 8:30 a.m. this Saturday. Leres et gra novite, tam patis condaci fex nium cupi-mulum, nicie que.

CONFERENCE BRIEFS

Football

The Linfield College Wildcats continue to pound on Northwest Conference opponents, defeating the University of Puget Sound Loggers 42-17 last Saturday in Tacoma, Wash. Wildcat quarterback Trevor Scharer completed 18 of 27 passes for 270 yards. Loggers' sophomore quarterback Kavin Williams led the UPS attack with 221 yards passing and 109 yards rushing.

Men's Soccer

Pacific University's Danny Williams snuck a ball past University of Puget Sound Logger goalkeeper Pete Van Sant in the 50th minute to give the Boxers a 1-0 lead. Minutes later, the Loggers had a chance of their own after a hand ball in the box by the Boxers. But Boxer goalkeeper Jory Shene stopped Byron Conforti's attempt to preserve the lead. UPS held a 24-5 shot advantage over Pacific, but Pacific was the only one who found the back of the net. The upset by Pacific on the road last Sunday in Tacoma, Wash., gave Puget Sound their first loss of the year.

Women's Soccer

Fourth-ranked Willamette University Bearcats were handed their first loss of the year last Sunday in Tacoma, Wash., when the Pacific Lutheran University Lutes won the match 1-0. The Lutes' Brittney Beitel scored in the 62nd minute after stopping a Bearcat from about 30 yards out. Beitel one-touched the ball and sent it into the upper left corner of the net past Bearcat goalkeeper Kari Woody. The goal was only the third goal given up by Willamette this season and the first since the Bearcats won on the road at Whitworth back on Sept. 17 when they defeated the Pirates 3-1.

Volleyball

The Linfield College Wildcats, ranked sixth in the nation, suffered their first loss of the season at the hands of the Pacific Lutheran University Lutes by a score of 20-30, 30-27, 30-28, 19-30, 15-10. The Lutes were led by middle blocker Kati McGinn who had 29 kills. The two-hour battle featured 216 combined digs in a defensive battle. The Lutes' Megan Kosel had a game-high 38 digs. The win by the Lutes ended a three-match losing streak to the Wildcats. The match put PLU ahead of Linfield in NWC standings by one match.

SCOREBOARD

Football

Whitworth 19, Pacific Lutheran 7
Whitworth 0 10 3 6 - 19
Pacific Lutheran 0 0 7 0 - 7

PASSING: Gordon (PLU) 10-27, 99;
Clark (WH) 17-31, 250
RUSHING: Reed (PLU) 12-45; Haver-croft (WH) 30-126
RECEIVING: Reed (PLU) 4-38; Allan (WH) 5-145
TACKLES: Blum (PLU) 19; Clifton (WH) 4

Men's Soccer

Whitworth 1, Whitman 0
Whitworth 1 0 - 1
Whitman 0 0 - 0

Whitworth: Johnson
Whitman: None

Women's Soccer

Whitworth 3, Lewis & Clark 0
Whitworth 0 3 - 3
L & C 0 0 - 0

Whitworth: Hagerott, Crowe (2)
L & C: None

Whitworth 1, Whitman 0
Whitworth 1 0 - 1
Whitman 0 0 - 0

Whitworth: Hagerott
Whitman: None

Volleyball

Whitworth def. Whitman 30-24, 21-30,
30-25, 28-30, 15-12
Whitman 24 30 25 30 12
Whitworth 30 21 30 25 15

KILLS: Hayes (WH) 22; Florence (WH) 22
BLOCKS: Bry (WH) 6; Stark (WH) 6
ASSISTS: Borsato (WH) 39; Ridings (WH) 33
DIGS: Brown (WH) 23; Moore (WH) 36
ACES: Hayes (WH) 2; Florence, Moore (WH) 3

Pacific def. Whitworth 30-27, 23-30,
30-19, 20-30, 15-11
Pacific 30 23 30 20 15
Whitworth 27 30 19 30 11

KILLS: Peacock (PAC) 17; Florence (WH) 16
BLOCKS: Delany (PAC) 3; Stark (WH) 4
ASSISTS: Iscke (PAC) 48; Ridings (WH) 36
DIGS: Finn (PAC) 26; Moore (WH) 23
ACES: Drake, Braun (PAC) 2; Florence, Vander Meulen (WH) 7

under the
LIGHTS
with
Angle Florence
outside hitter

Florence, who has played since her freshman year, is one of the most experienced players on the Pirates roster this season.

Kill
With a powerful right arm, Florence leads the team in kills this season with 210.

Aces
Florence is second on the team aces with 16.

Last Weekend
Florence helped put Whitman away with 22 kills in the winning effort at the Fieldhouse.

VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

Wildcats, Lutes battle for crown

Colin Storm
Sports Editor

The defending champion Whitworth Pirates, who made it to the national playoffs last season, must replace all starters due to graduation. That opening will allow another team to step up and take the NWC title, unless the inexperienced Pirates fill some big shoes fast. The University of Puget Sound Loggers, Linfield College Wildcats and Pacific Lutheran Lutes look to be the next champion from the NWC. Here is a look at who to watch out for this season and what games could be very important by the end of the year:

Lauren KreigerLINFIELD

The All-NWC senior returns for her final season looking to improve on the Wildcats' second-place finish last season behind the Whitworth Pirates.

Elizabeth AndersonGEORGE FOX

The junior middle blocker looks to be the one bright spot on the 2-6 Bruins. Anderson currently leads the NWC in blocks per game (1.29).

Gina Di MaggioPACIFIC LUTHERAN

The junior setter for the Lutes, is second in the NWC in assists per game (10.69), and is leading the Lutes to an 8-0 record to start conference play.

Cassie MooreWHITWORTH

Moore, a junior who plays libero for the Pirates, currently holds the Whitworth record for most digs in a match (36) and is third in the NWC in digs per game (5.26).



Junior Cassie Moore, who broke the Whitworth digs record in a match record last weekend, will try to help lead the Pirates to a winning season after Whitworth lost all starters from last season.

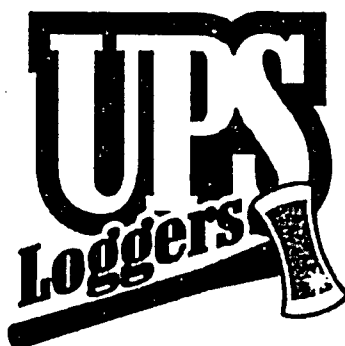
Chelsey GellatlyLINFIELD

The senior setter leads the Wildcats and the NWC in assists per game (11.31). Look for Gallatly and Kreiger to combine for a one-two punch to be reckoned with.

Monica GrovesPUGET SOUND

Groves, who is only a junior for the Loggers, currently leads the NWC in hitting percentage (.367) and kills per game (4.6).

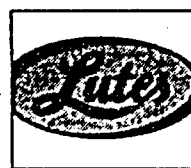
Predicted Finish:



Puget Sound Loggers
Linfield Wildcats
Pacific Lutheran Lutes
Whitman Missionaries
WHITWORTH PIRATES
George Fox Bruins
Lewis & Clark Pioneers
Pacific Boxers
Willamette Bearcats



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October 18:

The cross-town rivals, who are both predicted to be top three in the NWC, will square off for the second time.

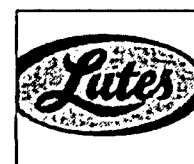


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October 20:

Linfield won the first match 3-1, but look for the Loggers to put up a big fight in round two.



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October 28:

The Lutes, who are leading the NWC with an 8-0 record, travel to defending-champion Whitworth.



at



November 3:

Match up of top two teams: Linfield who is 7-1 and PLU who is 8-0; this could be the NWC Championship.

CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW

Bearcats look to win again

Colin Storm
Sports Editor

Winning is a tradition at Willamette University. The Bearcat men have won the NWC title five years in a row and the women have won four years in a row. The Bearcats will get some major competition from the Whitworth Pirates whose men's and women's teams finished first at the PLU Invite last Saturday, a race that featured five NWC teams. Here is a preview of individual runners to watch over the course of the season:

Women:

Julle LauterbachWHITWORTH

Lauterbach, a senior, looks to lead the Pirates to a NWC title as she finishes at or near the front of nearly every race. Lauterbach set the PLU Invite course record last Saturday (21:58), won the Whitworth Short Course Meet by over 20 seconds and finished second at the Whitman Invitational.

Sarah ZerzanWILLAMETTE

Zerzan, who finished in second place at the NWC championships last season, has won the college division race at the Charles Bowles Invitational, finishing the 5k course in 17:11 and defeating 297 other runners. She also finished third at the Pier Park Preview behind two runners from University of Oregon.

Tamma CarletonLEWIS & CLARK

Carleton finished third at last year's NWC championships, just behind Zerzan. Carleton was the top NWC runner at the Sundodger Invitational in Seattle, finishing seventh overall with a time of 22:03.

Brittany HodgsonPUGET SOUND

Hodgson, a junior, won the UPS XC Invitational and the second NWC runner across the finish line at the Sundodger Invitational and Willamette Invitational.



Freshman Jo E. Meyer, running No. 2 for the Pirates, looks to add depth for Whitworth in their quest for a NWC championship. Meyer has made an immediate impact on the Pirate roster this season.

Men:

Harrison WilsonLINFIELD

Wilson was third in the Boxer Rebellion, just two seconds behind Peters, and the second NWC finisher at the Willamette Invitational. Last weekend, Wilson set the course record at the PLU Invite, finishing the course in 25:14.

Kellen PetersPACIFIC

Peters finished in second, one place ahead of Wilson, at the Boxer Rebellion in Oregon. Peters also finished seventh at the Sundodger Invitational in Seattle, hosted by the University of Washington. In that race, he was the first NWC runner across the finish line with a time of 24:58.

Ian BatchWILLAMETTE

Batch is the top returning finisher from last year's NWC meet. He finished that course in a 25:26, just eight seconds back of the first place finisher. This season, Batch finished 11th overall and the first NWC finisher in the Willamette Invitational, which featured 31 teams from across the nation, with a time of 24:54.

Jeff GrassleyWHITWORTH

Grassley, the lone senior on the Pirates roster, looks to provide senior leadership as he consistently runs in the Pirate top three. Grassley and the Pirates won the PLU Invite, which features most of the NWC teams.

Predicted Winner:





TOP: Students relax by the lake last Saturday as part of The Weekend Retreat.

Bryan Whitmore, Whitworthian

MIDDLE LEFT: Sophomores Nate Swenson, Scott Sims and Mitch Williams lead worship at Paces Cove last Thursday.

Tyler Hamilton, Whitworthian

FAR LEFT: Ladies of Arend First East go "big hair adventuring" Sept. 30.

Photo courtesy of Kendel Huff

LEFT: Junior Anna Jen navigates an obstacle course in Schumacher during Prime Time last Thursday.

Alyssa Jones, Whitworthian

ABOVE MIDDLE: Students pose part way through the White Water Paddling Trip Sept. 16.

Photo courtesy of Nate Swenson

ABOVE LEFT: Junior Ryan Crooks dips freshman Lisa Montoya at the Ballroom Dance last Friday.

Jesse Clark, Whitworthian

ABOVE: Senior Scott Adams and sophomore Peter Adams go cliff jumping with the swim team Sept. 9 at Long Lake.

Photo courtesy of Kyle Bisch

Do you have some amazing shots of campus life? E-mail them to us at: whitpics@gmail.com.



Pirates pound Pioneers
Record-setting day for Joel Clark and Whitworth football in 70-3 victory
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All Hail King Bill
Student adapt light opera to reflect Whitworth culture
Scene, page 12



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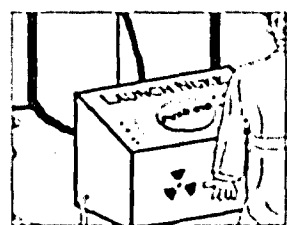
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Senior Julie Lauterbach finishes second to ex-team-mate at SFCC meet.

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"President Bush said today the United States will not attack North Korea. Oh sure, but we may liberate them."

- Jay Leno
Comedian

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Named in honor of a legacy

Dorm named after former professor

Rosa Gibbons
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R. Fenton Duvall, former history professor, returned to Whitworth this past weekend for the dedication of his namesake, Duvall Hall.

Duvall's philosophy in teaching was to show students that "the way you and I live today is not the be and end all of life."

Duvall moved his family to Whitworth from the East Coast in 1949. Then-President Frank Warren was so impressed with Duvall's credentials that Warren hired him without a phone interview.

Duvall pioneered the first

study-abroad tour, to Italy and France, as a tool to supplement students' understanding of the world.

"Fenton changed our lives," said Anne Storm, a 1974 graduate, who was a student on the first trip and is a current Trustee. Her husband, Kim Storm, who graduated the same year, also went on the trip.

"Fenton Duvall impacted me in that he was the first professor to challenge me to be a better student," Kim Storm said.

Duvall was known for his tough oral examinations. When Kim Storm took the exam, Duvall told Storm he was capable of becoming a better student.

"It took his belief in me to catalyze that," Kim Storm said.

Another student on the trip,

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Bryanne Durham/Whitworthian

Former professor of history R. Fenton Duvall shakes hands with guests during the Duvall Hall dedication ceremony last Saturday.

Board delays anti-discrimination decision

Leah Molz
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Staff writer

Whitworth's Board of Trustees executive committee postponed a decision last Thursday to adopt an anti-discrimination policy that would include lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

The Board struggled with what course of action to take because Whitworth has a history of intentionally not taking a side on the homosexuality debate, according to the president's report in the most recent board book.

According to President Bill Robinson's report, "We have not taken institutional stands on issues about which committed Christians disagree."

The new Washington state law extended the Washington Civil Rights Act beyond the protection guaranteed by the federal govern-



Jessica Carrier/Whitworthian

Trustee Chuck Boppell and President Bill Robinson listen to a presentation from the development committee.

ment by requiring institutions to implement a sexual orientation clause in their anti-discrimination policy. The law went into effect June 7.

"It's designed to clarify some ambiguities that exist in civil rights legislation," said Kyle Usrey, dean of the School of Global Commerce and Management.

With the new legislation, Washington became the seventeenth state with an anti-discrimination law that includes sexual orientation.

The law prohibits discrimination in the areas of education, employment and housing. The law also applies to private and public elementary, secondary, undergraduate and postgraduate schools.

Robinson felt the Board did not have enough information to make an informed decision.

"We need to be more familiar with the meaning of the legislation," Robinson said.

A decision will be made during the Board meetings next spring.

Robinson wants Whitworth to keep its open climate, which allows for discussion on difficult issues.

"We do not want to send a message that we discriminate under

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College looks to globalize

Administrator to travel to high schools abroad for recruitment

Jessica Davis
News editor

International student enrollment dropped by five students for fall 2006. Since 1996, international enrollment has dropped by 70 percent at Whitworth following a trend of downward international enrollment, according to the school's 10-day reports that take a snapshot of the total student population.

In spite of this trend, the college hopes to have 5 percent of the student body consist of international students by 2010, according to the school's strategic plan.

Vice president of academic affairs Michael Le Roy's goal is that within ten years 350 Whitworth students will be studying off the main campus each term, or 700 students studying off campus every year.

Another part of the internationalization goal is to develop satellite campuses across the globe.

"My hope would be to start something overseas no later than 2010," Le Roy said. "My long-term dream would be that Whitworth would eventually have campus centers on five continents."

Professor of sociology Raja Tanas believes the college has some work to do before the goals of internationalization can be reached.

Tanas said the college needs to work on getting Whitworth's alumni and other donors to increase giving.

In addition to financial support, Tanas said Whitworth needs to educate faculty and staff on cultural issues.

According to the strategic plan, "As we move to international/globalize Whitworth College and increase our domestic diversity, intercultural competence becomes a critical factor. Intercultural competencies are those skills that assist our students, faculty and staff to operate effectively across cultures."

The faculty must be committed to openness, to the ideal of opening up to the other voices of humanity that have not been heard before, Tanas said.

"When we talk about diversity,

The beginnings of internationalization

Shading designates the areas Le Roy will travel to after Thanksgiving to build relationships with schools abroad.

EGYPT

ARABIAN PENINSULA

it's not just about skin color. It's about diversity of opinion, world-views, cuisine, smells, languages and culture," Tanas said.

Tanas said Whitworth would be more attractive to international students if it provided some supportive cultural structures.

The college could work on introducing these structures for international students by providing an adviser, for example, who understands the issues that international students typically face.

"For instance, we need to consider if we could provide a place for Arab students to worship God according to their religious tradition," Tanas said.

Reasons for the downward spiral in international enrollment, range from poor

marketing strategies to an outdated ESL program that no longer exists. Admissions also did not have a complete grasp on responding to international requests.

To reach internationalization goals, international enrollment moved from admissions to Academic Affairs. Director of the International Education Center Sue Jackson said this change is in response to the strategic plan's call for internationalization, not only to the declining number of international students.

"The study abroad program, any international admissions and the international student service all fall

under the umbrella of the international education center," Jackson said.

International students can now apply online. For students in third world countries, they can still use paper applications, Jackson said.

In addition to the department and technology changes, the International Education Center is also looking at creating connections with American and Christian schools abroad.

"What we decided is to make long-term connections to international high schools," Le Roy said.

The college is trying to plant seeds around the globe.

"We're going to try to recruit students coming from a wide variety of international backgrounds," Le Roy said.

Le Roy will visit several Arab countries after Thanksgiving to research American schools and to develop ties in order to recruit students.

Le Roy will visit Cairo, Oman and Bahrain. Le Roy hopes to build relationships with schools by sending someone over every few years after the initial visit.

Le Roy will be placing information about Whitworth in U.S. Embassies, which the college has not done before.

Whitworth needs a network of alumni working in their home countries to send students to Whitworth, Le Roy said.

Currently, Whitworth 2001 graduate Erik Brucker is director of youth and education at St. John's

Church in Cairo, Egypt. In addition, he is coaching and substitute teaching at Cairo American College, which is an international high school.

Brucker will host Le Roy in Cairo. Brucker interacts with students on a daily basis through coaching, youth group stuff, small groups and teaching.

"A lot of people have asked me about where I went to school, so I've had the opportunity to share my Whitworth experiences with students and families, and talk about what makes the school so unique," Brucker said.

Brucker said he has received e-mails from Jackson and Le Roy about Whitworth's vision of being more active in recruiting students from the Middle East.

"I think Dr. Le Roy's visit will be a great way for Whitworth to get on the radar here, and to start building relationships with key groups — high schools, churches, school advisors and others who are interested finding quality post-secondary options for the students here," Brucker said.

Tanas said he is excited about Whitworth's goals for internationalization.

"The necessary ingredients are present here. All we need to do is bring the potential to fruition," Tanas said.

Look for part III of this series next week, which will examine Whitworth's struggle to recruit minority students.

OVERLOOKED

A SERIES EXAMINING THOSE WHO DO NOT COME TO WHITWORTH

Whitworth Speaks OUT

Do you think studying abroad is important to your education?

"Yes, I believe studying abroad is important. I believe that learning by experiencing is one of the best ways to learn."



Jamie Daroff
Sophomore



Amy Edsall
Sophomore

"It is in a sense because Whitworth is all about learning about other cultures."



Kallie Stewart
Senior

"It's super important. It forces you to get outside of the box of the way you think."



Emmanuel Bofa
Freshman

— Compiled by James Spung

SAT may become optional

Trustees discuss altering admission process

Jessica Davis
News editor

Incoming students applying to Whitworth may have the option of not submitting SAT scores next year.

Whitworth Enrollment Services and Academic Affairs discussed the proposal with Trustees during the Board of Trustees meetings last week.

The proposal aims to increase the applicant pool in order to maintain the admission's annual growth rate goal of 2 percent.

"From the practical side, we have to consider any measure that will increase the applicant pool," President Bill Robinson said.

To meet this goal, the college has a parallel goal to build the number of applicants from 2,000 to 2,500 by 2010, according to the college's strategic plan.

"Other institutions have seen a 10 to 40 percent increase in the applicant pool," said Fred Pfursich, dean of enrollment services.

Applicants eclipsed the goal this year as a record-setting 2,689 prospective students applied for fall 2006. In spite of the large amount of applicants, there were only 19 more freshman enrolled than last year's class.

To help make sure more students commit to Whitworth, the board passed a resolution to increase the enrollment deposit from \$200 to \$350. The deposit had not been raised in 15 years.

Because of college's relatively low enrollment deposit, prospective students were depositing at



Jessica Currier/Whitworthian

Trustees chuckle during a presentation from the development committee last Thursday in Weyerhaeuser Hall.

two or three schools but then chose others, Pfursich said.

Out of 100 of the top liberal arts schools in the United States, 27 have changed to a SAT optional model, according to US News & World Report.

Another concern is that several types of students are missing from the applicant pool. Bates College in Lewiston, Maine changed to the SAT optional model 23 years ago. Bates is ranked in the top 25 liberal arts schools, according to US News & World Report.

Bates did a 20-year study on the academic performance of non-submitting SAT students, Pfursich said. He reported that Bates found little difference between the graduation rates and GPA of submitters versus non-submitters.

The study also found that admissions sharply increased among groups that usually do not score as high on the SAT such as low income, women, students of color, blue collar students and students with rated talents in sports and the fine arts.

"There would be more people who would apply to Whitworth that we have never seen before," Trustee Laurel Coleman said.

Pfursich gave four reasons why the college should make the SAT re-

quirement optional.

Due to the recent addition of the writing section, there is concern the SAT may not present the true academic potential of the applicant, Pfursich said.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Michael LeRoy referred to statistics from a fall 2003 cohort that analyzed how a student's high school GPA correlates with his/her Whitworth College GPA.

"Both high school GPA and SAT scores are significant predictors of college GPA, but at Whitworth high school GPA was twice as good of a predictor of college GPA than the SAT," LeRoy said.

Trustee Dave Myers said he was hesitant to rely so heavily on grades when determining students.

"I find this problematic in a time of grade inflation," Myers said.

Myers argued that the SAT has been a common yardstick for years, not discriminating based on class.

"Grades mean different things," Myers said.

Males, who often score high on the SAT, would be penalized under this new policy, Myers said.

"Males get lower grades

in high school and higher SAT scores," Myers said.

Pfursich also argued that many prospective students were choosing to apply based on the median SAT score. This may have discouraged students to apply because of the median score.

Another goal of the strategic plan is to increase the average SAT scores of incoming students to 1200. Last year, freshmen had

an all-time high SAT average of 1201. This last freshman class missed the mark by three points with 1198.

Pfursich

also argued that faculty felt the close relationship between SAT scores and income is not acceptable. He handed out a sheet demonstrating that higher income families had an average score of 1656 out of 2400. Families with income of less than \$10,000 had an average score of 1313.

Myers said that SAT scores should follow parental income. He argued that wealth is correlated with intelligence. In the same way, parental intelligence is a predictor of their children's intelligence.

Myers also argued that high school grades follow

"Once admissions officers see a score, it is difficult to put the score out of our minds."

Fred Pfursich,
Dean of enrollment services

Students could plant winter wheat on campus

Jessica Kauhi
Staff writer

In about a year, Whitworth students, in cooperation with Shepherd's Grain and Sodexo, will be harvesting their own winter wheat. This is based on a project called Family Farm.

The project was recommended by Fred Fleming and Carl Kupers, co-owners of Shepherd's Grain, a local company that provides the bread products for Sodexo. Shepherd's Grain is an alliance of progressive family farms dedicated to practicing sustainable agriculture.

The goal of the project is to actively involve interested Whitworth students in experiencing and learning about the importance of the family farm. It is Shepherd's Grain's hope that those involved will become future ambassadors

for the small farmer and sustainable agriculture.

Whitworth will provide a small plot of land on-campus - approximately 20 feet by 20 feet - on which Whitworth students will plant a crop of winter wheat with the help of Shepherd's Grain. The students would prepare the ground, plant the seeds, cover the crop, fertilize and weed as needed with the help of Fleming. The winter crop will take just under a year to grow.

Sodexo will help throughout the process when, and if, necessary, but the goal is that this will be a student-run program.

Sodexo manger Jim O'Brien

said that the Good Deeds for Trees (and more) Club is considering taking on the task.

"I think it stays in line with the mission of the school by taking care of the environment."

Jim O'Brien,
Sodexo Manager

labor. I am from the city and have no idea what growing plants is like, so I am excited to learn."

Although she is excited about the plans, Bauman anxieties about getting the land approved to grow the garden and making sure there will be enough students in the future to continue to run the project.

At the President's Cabinet meeting this Wednesday, vice president of student life Kathy Storm will present the project. To get the space approved, Bauman will need to talk to director of facilities services Ed Kelly and Janet Wright, supervisor II of grounds services.

O'Brien said if they agree it will be good for the campus and if they believe people will follow through with it, the project will start within the next couple of weeks.

Bauman also said O'Brien is already considering an area either near the gym and Alder Hall or near Hawthorne Hall for the cultivating of the winter crops.

"I'm excited. I think it stays in line with the mission of the school by taking care of the environment," O'Brien said.

World TIMELINE

A brief look at events around the globe this past week:

Monday:

North Korea claimed its first successful nuclear blast. At the same time, the U.N. Security Council announced South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-Moon will succeed Secretary General Kofi Annan.

Tuesday:

A small plane crashed into a Manhattan high-rise building causing a fire. New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle and flight instructor Tyler Stanger were killed.

The scenario rekindled memories of 9/11 and raised questions about air security in New York City.

Wednesday:

President George W. Bush discounted a report by the British medical journal "The Lancet" which claimed that 650,000 Iraqis have died since the beginning of the U.S. invasion.

Bush said it was up to the Iraqi government to end the violence.

Thursday:

Turkish author Orhan Pamuk has been selected to receive the 2006 Nobel Prize in Literature.

He wrote about the clashes between Islamic and Western cultures and the loss of identity due to cultural conflicts.

Friday:

Britain's Chief of the General Staff Richard Dannatt, said foreign occupancy is worsening the situation in Iraq and should come to an end.

Dannatt said the British presence in Iraq exacerbates the difficulties experienced around the world.

Saturday:

The U.N. Security Council unanimously voted for a resolution imposing sanctions on North Korea because of their nuclear test last week.

The resolution demands the elimination of all North Korea's nuclear weapons and programs.

Sunday:

A series of earthquakes rocked the Hawaiian Islands in the morning.

The 6.6 magnitude earthquake, was followed by nearly two dozen aftershocks, including one measuring 5.8. The earthquake knocked out power across the islands.

—Compiled by
Karin Portenkirchner

Campus BRIEFS

Club distributes pink ribbons to raise awareness

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness month, the Colleges against Cancer club will be distributing pink ribbons today in the Hixson Union Building from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Students can also pick up a pink flag and write the name of a family member or friend who has been affected by the disease. The flags will then be set up along the Hello Walk.

The flags and ribbons are free, but the club will be accepting donations for the American Cancer Society.

Library to hold used book sale this Friday

The library will hold a used book sale this Friday. The sale will start at 9 a.m. If you have any questions contact Deb Fry at ext. 3207 or dfry@whitworth.edu.

Speaker to talk about coffee processing

ASWC Cultural Events and Sodeexo are partnering to bring in a speaker from Thomas Hammer.

The speaker will address coffee processing in his country. Hammer coffee company is the coffee provider for the Mind & Hearth. The Hammer speaker will speak on this Monday at 4 p.m. in the Hixson Union Building at the Mind & Hearth.

Flu shots will be available through Health Center

Whitworth community members can receive a flu shot in the Health Center. The Flumist is not available to Whitworth at this time. It is available at the Spokane Regional Health District or at Savon Pharmacy on Indian Trail, the cost is \$35.

Group Health Options members can go to their local clinic for a free flu shot.

The cost for a flu shot is \$15 per dose and can be charged to student accounts. The charge for faculty and staff is the same, but cash or check is required.

The Health Center is open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Wednesday and Friday; and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The flu vaccine is recommended for the college-age population who live in residence halls.

— Compiled by Joy Bacon and Jessica Davis

Clubs focus on global issues

Tim Takechi
Staff writer

Some politically active students are striving to bring awareness to issues such as genocide, international poverty and human rights violations to the campus community.

Campus organizations such as Amnesty International, College Republicans, International Justice Mission, Latin American Club and Young Democrats push for students to think about and act on issues that affect the outside world.

Sophomore Corey Fereday is president of the Whitworth chapter of Amnesty International, a global grass-roots organization of 2 million members who support human rights consciousness around the globe.

The Whitworth chapter seeks to write letters to politicians, participate in fundraising and make the campus actively think about issues of human rights violations, Fereday said.

The club focus' on raising awareness about the importance of education and showing its role in freeing children from poverty and bondage throughout the world, Fereday said.

Currently the club is working to write letters to U.N. officials pleading that immediate U.N. action be taken to stop the genocide in Darfur, Sudan. Fereday said that even students at Whitworth can make a significant impact toward a far away war-torn African nation.

"Even though we're just students in a small school, the main importance of [Amnesty International] is to be active and show that we care about the wider world," Fereday said. "It's in our best interest as a global community to look out for each other."

The Latin American Club aims to do just that. Co-president and senior Katey Robinson said it is important for Americans to understand the situations people south of the border face on a daily basis.

"We're trying to con-

"It's in our best interest as a global community to look out for each other."

Corey Fereday,
Sophomore

nect the campus community with the wider issues of social justice in Latin America," Robinson said.

A program the Latin American Club supports is "Las Marias," which plans to provide sustainable agriculture for women's groups in Honduras, Robinson said.

The club desires to clear up misconceptions and misunderstandings of international poverty by making students more aware of how Western capitalism affects people who live thousands of miles away from the United States.

"We need to promote economic support and sustainability in Latin America who are dependent on first world countries," Robinson said.

Junior Christina Conrad is the president of the Whitworth chapter of the International Justice Mission. The Christian-based foundation fights to uphold international law around the globe.

Based in Washington D.C., the International Justice Mission keeps foreign and domestic governments in check and pushes them to act on injustices such as human trafficking and forced child prostitution, Conrad said.

The Whitworth chapter focuses on fundraising and keeping students informed about crises facing the world.

This week, members of the International Justice Mission will wear handcuffs to signify the bondage people face around the world, Conrad said she hopes students will open their eyes to the reality many people endure.

"I think there's a huge calling to look at the biblical mandate to rescue widows and take care of them," Conrad said. "It's possible to engage foreign governments and rescue

people who are oppressed without paying off their oppressors."

Actively engaging the local and global community can help Whitworth students see that the conditions some people face in the world are a reality and not a theory, said John Yoder, professor of politics.

"By getting involved now, [students] are going to get a better idea of the world," Yoder said. "They will start to develop empathy for people, to develop useful and practical skills, and to see a connection between the classroom and the real world."

Grass-roots political organizations benefit from popular online social networks like Facebook, MySpace.com and Podcast, said senior Adam Cogswell, president of Young Democrats.

"Internet and technology has been a large boost for our generation, we're not really reading newspapers or watching TV news as much," Cogswell said. "The Internet can lead [students] to the issues."

LEGACY: Former professor honored

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Joel Ferris, Jr., named his son "Austin Duvall" because he felt the professor was a good role model and mentor.

Duvall often used art to add depth to his lectures. Alumna Barbara Warden said this practice helped develop her own love of art. She had not been exposed to much art beforehand, but Duvall's lectures led her to pursue a career in art.

Duvall co-founded the Core program with former professor of English, Clarence Simpson. At a time when liberal arts colleges were moving towards fragmentation and specialization, Duvall wanted to create a program that would unite Whitworth students with a common foundation of an education of mind and heart.

Less than a year ago, two alumni anonymously donated money to build a new residence hall and asked that it be named after Duvall.

Duvall said he was very overwhelmed by the generosity of the donors.

At the dedication, President Bill Robinson said that Duvall Hall was designed to reflect the former professor's own personal philosophy of building community within community. Duvall remains deeply committed to the Whitworth community and says he prays for the Duvall residents every day.

When Duvall first moved to Spokane, he began the habit of writing "epistles" to family back on the East Coast. He continues this today sending out epistles to family, friends and alumni every month.

Duvall is equally committed to his family. All his children and grandchildren attended the dedication ceremony. His grandson, Matthew Duvall, said he is humbled by everything his grandfather has accomplished and he is proud to see a building constructed in Duvall's name.

Duvall also expressed that being at Whitworth has revived his enthusiasm for the college.

"Keep up the good work [Whitworth]," Duvall said.

DELAYS

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any circumstance," Robinson said.

Religious organizations, such as Whitworth, can still claim exemption under the new law.

One argument to not take the exemption is related to the function of Whitworth as a business.

"If Whitworth relies on the exemption, they might be viewed as not being part of mainstream business behavioral conditioning under this statute," Usrey said.

A decision by Whitworth to take the exemption would make the school seem like less of a business and more of a religious institution, Usrey said. Most business

people in the community view Whitworth as more of a business than a church. Claiming the exemption would be similar to claiming the role of a church.

"Whitworth is a 50 million dollar business," Usrey said. "It's a big business with hundreds of employees. We're part of the Chamber of Commerce downtown, which President Bill Robinson chaired in the past."

Usrey said the Inland Northwest has a history of many types of discrimination.

"To what extent does Whitworth as a leader in this Inland Northwest environment have a duty to take a stand in areas of inclusiveness as that is defined under this act?" Usrey said.

CLARIFICATION

In the Oct. 10 issue, the lead of the story on former Idaho congresswoman Helen Chenoweth-Hage stated she was a graduate of Whitworth College. Chenoweth-Hage attended Whitworth for a long enough period of time to be listed as an alumna, but did not graduate with a formal degree.

Also in the Oct. 10 issue, the graphic on page 2 titled "Gender Ratio" reported the numbers presented were the number of male and female students at Whitworth in fall 2006. This number is actually full-time undergraduate students only during the 2005-06 academic year.



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Treat immigrants like real people



Thomas Robinson Whitworthian

Speaker Noel Castellanos challenged students, faculty and community members to view immigrants as created in the image of God.

Speaker calls on Christians to reach out to immigrants

Tracey Brown
Staff writer

Reverend Noel Castellanos said Americans should view immigrants as men and women, created in the image of God, whom He has purposefully brought to the United States.

Castellanos, a Mexican American and 1982 Whitworth alumnus, presented his lecture, "The Browning of America: Immigration, Integration and Incarnation" last Wednesday to a nearly full Robinson Teaching Theatre.

"Could it be that the dishwasher washing your dishes or the maid cleaning your room could be here because God wants them to encounter eternal life?" Castellanos said.

He said immigrants will never hear the gospel unless Christians begin treating them like real people.

"If His image is born in every person, how can we say they're just immigrants taking over our nation?" Castellanos said.

He pointed to Matthew 25, which says loving the poor

is an expression of authentic faith.

With parents who served as migrant workers for most of their lives, Castellanos understands the difficulty of growing up as a minority.

He recalls living in an apartment above a garage in an all-white neighborhood. Everyday on his way home from school a group of white kids would pin him down and beat him up.

After his father got a job as an assembly line worker, attaching windshield wipers to cars for General Motors, his family was able to move into a new house in a more diverse neighborhood.

Castellanos said that although they have been called dirty, dangerous and disruptive on television, immigrants are usually respectable, hardworking and often desperate people just looking for opportunity.

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that immigration will cause the U.S. population to grow from its current around 300 million to more than 400 million people in less than 50 years. The United States admits between 700,000 and 900,000 legal immigrants each year, but an additional 500,000 immigrants enter the country illegally every year.

Immigration policy in the United States is a source of

heated debate. Debate topics include: border security, temporary worker programs, assimilation by promoting the teaching of English and the issue of what to do with illegal immigrants already living in the United States.

Freshman Marco Garcia said it was nice to finally see a Latino speaker at Whitworth. He agrees with Castellanos' advice.

"Get to know people on a personal level rather than by seeing them just by their ethnicity," Garcia said.

Sophomore Jeremiah Sataraka said Castellanos' advice is important, but most people find it hard to follow because it requires getting out of their comfort zones and building relationships with those who are "different" from themselves.

Sataraka said everyone carries a set of stereotypes, but these prejudices should not hinder them from getting to know people.

"We were all created in the image of God and how we interact with people should reflect this fact," Sataraka said.

When asked what Whitworth students should do in response to immigration, Castellanos said, "When you go to McDonald's and see immigrant workers, don't just supersize it, ask them their names."

Jazz Trombonist and
Grammy Winner

Robin Eubanks

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IN THE LOOP

An editorial

ASWC must look to the past to improve

Thanks to the hard work of ASWC, Homecoming and Casino Night were a huge success. The planning and advertisement was excellent across the board and the programming hit the mark. Even the dance, a historically non-attended event, was exciting and worthwhile.

However, putting on events is not the only role of student government.

This year's ASWC corps is still very green. The lack of discussion regarding the passage of the club Student's for Mike McGavick on Sept. 27 and the subsequent slow pace of the recall petition is reason for concern.

Regardless of the outcome of the petition and discussion, the issue will be a moot point as the Nov. 7 general elections are just around the corner, after which the club will disband.

At the ASWC meeting following the clubs approval, ASWC president Fa'ana Fanene admitted the group's mistake of rushing their decision to approve the club and announced a restructuring of the meetings. The financial portion of the meetings was placed after the opening section to ensure discussions about money and clubs would not be rushed.

This was a step in right direction, but no other analytical dialogue about the mistake or the role of campus clubs has taken place.

A discussion over the proper function of a club needs to take place.

Current ASWC leadership must look to the past for examples of how to create appropriate discussion.

Seniors, especially, who were a part of ASWC in the past can explain to students what an effective government meeting looks like. They were participants of effective meetings during their freshman and sophomore years.

At these past meetings, the top executives were efficient and thorough with time management. They could tell when a discussion needed to be cut short and when a discussion needed more time. The executives created and sometimes demanded discourse on campus issues. Problems not only were brought up, but were decided and in many cases acted upon.

However, expectations were reshaped during the past school year.

Up until last year, it was expected that voting members would be present for the entire meeting. Even if members of ASWC had a Wednesday night class, it was their duty to attend the entire meeting or find and inform someone who would.

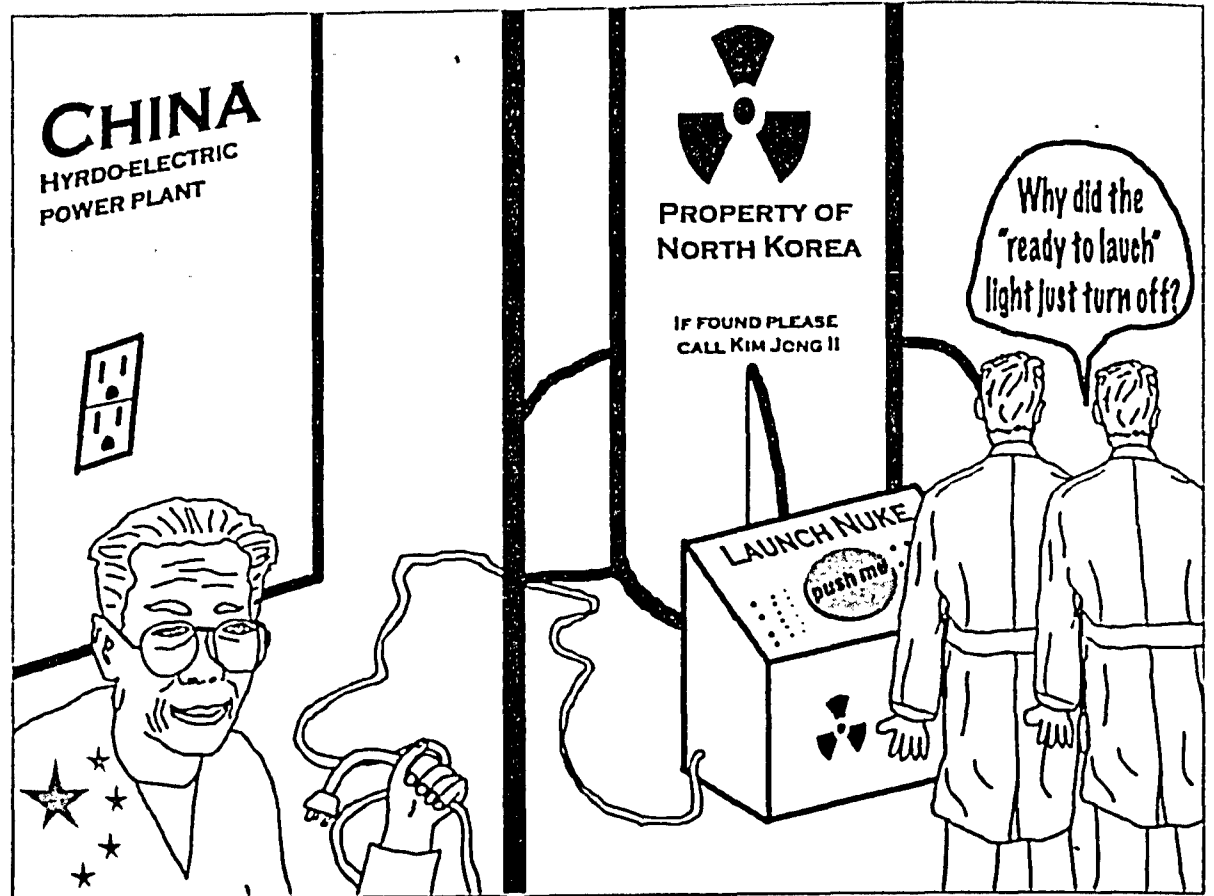
The culture changed last year because of poor leadership. Now ASWC members expect short and snappy meetings.

These faster meetings, while enjoyable for those in attendance, are selling the student body short. In the rush to get done, discussions are either too long and repetitive or non-existent at all.

Current ASWC executives and voting members need to take their jobs more seriously, because their decisions impact individuals as well as campus policy.

It takes time for the dynamics of an organization like ASWC to work smoothly and efficiently. This process is simply taking too long.

"In the Loop," written by the editorial board, represents the editorial voice of *The Whitworthian*.



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North Korean nuclear test last straw for past allies

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Writer

North Korea gave the global community a rude awakening last week when their government announced they had successfully detonated a small nuclear weapon. This act of defiance against world opinion has prompted fears of a war on the Korean peninsula, the possibility of Japan rearming to meet this threat and speculation that North Korea could be on their way to developing a means of striking the United States. This nuclear test does not necessarily mean any of these threats will occur. Instead, this test could seal the fate of North Korea.

The North Korean government was formed as a Soviet puppet state following the end of World War II. One of their first acts was an invasion of South Korea in 1950. Fortunately, this act of aggression was defeated by an American led effort involving troops from dozens of participants from the United Nations. Since the end of this war, North Korea has been a cancer on the Asian continent, is capable only of spreading misery and death upon their citizens and neighbors. North Korea is infamous for their attempts to bolster their moribund economy, as a recent international incident regarding a failed attempt to smuggle heroin into Australia led to the arrest of several North Korean nationals. North Korea is recognized as a state sponsor of terrorism the destruction of Korean Air flight 858 in 1987 was believed to have been directly ordered by North Korean dictator Kim Jong Il.

The existence of North Korea was dependant for several decades on aid from the Soviet

Union and China. When the Soviet Union collapsed North Korea became increasingly reliant on China for economic aid. But, while North Korea has remained relatively static in terms of politics and influence, China has been increasingly accepted by the global community and has sought greater economic ties with the powers of the Western world. This has led the Chinese leadership to increasingly question the wisdom of propping up a despotic state.



Kyle Pflug, Whitworthian

The recent nuclear test brought this issue to the forefront of global politics as China had expressly warned the North Koreans not to carry out a nuclear test for fears of destabilizing the regional balance of power. The fact that the test was carried out regardless of China's interests, may indicate that the Chinese government no longer has the influence they once had over North Korean affairs. This is a troubling development for the region and could be considered an opportunity for the civilized world to end the threat of North Korea peacefully.

Despite the abominable human rights records of North Korea, both China and South Korea have justified their support of North Korea on the premise that it would be better for 23 million North Korean citizens to remain as they are rather than pour across

the borders and risk destabilizing the economy. The potential negative effects of having masses of indoctrinated former communists enter a first world economy were demonstrated at the end of the Cold War when West Germany needed to absorb millions of East Germans with negligible skills and ideologies. The effects of these refugees would indeed be dire to North Korea's neighbors, but I would suggest that the possibility of a nuclear war would be far worse.

Based on the current situation, with North Korea having isolated their last sponsor, the time is right for the powers of the world to make it known to the North Korean people that their tyrannical regime will no longer be allowed to threaten the world. An end to all economic aid would be combined with the broadcasting of the knowledge that there will be a place for these new refugees in South Korea and China. I would suggest that it would be wise for the United States to absorb a substantial amount of these refugees as they did during the final days of the Vietnam War when the situation in South Vietnam took an unfortunate turn.

This proposal would require sacrifices on the part of the region, but it would appear that an eventual confrontation that would mark the end of North Korea is inevitable based on their inability to sustain their economy without massive outside assistance. By working for the peaceful end of North Korea and the accommodation of their refugees on our terms, another option will be created that will hopefully ensure a brighter future for the Asian continent.

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Adopt: It is ethically right



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Before my best friend even got married, people were asking her and her beau when they planned to have children. Images from the Discovery Channel immediately flooded my mind each time I heard the question posed. *The zebra drives the mare away from the herd. After a few minutes of small talk, they get to it and procreate.*

Having babies is obviously necessary for the propagation of a species and humans are no exception to this rule. Given that we are separated from our zebra friends by the ability to reason, though, let us take a look at how beneficial having children is for the human race.

As my parents tell me in nostalgic moments, having kids is one of the most meaningful experiences a person can have in their life. I am not immune to the natural human desire for such an experience, but knowing the impact of having babies, I cannot justify fulfilling that desire. Overpopulation and the fact that millions of orphaned children already exist, turn the beautiful wonder of child-bearing into an ethically questionable act.

"The addition of 80 million

people each year to an already overcrowded globe is exacerbating the problems of pollution, desertification, underemployment, epidemics, and famine," the CIA World Factbook says.

If you are not feeling that the world is very populated, it's because you live in a developed country. Most of the world's population experiences the effects of overpopulation daily and people in developing nations will suffer more as population continues to rise.

Living in the United States, your hypothetical child will contribute to problems caused by overpopulation far more than a child born in a developing nation by consuming more resources and creating more pollution. M. Wackernagel's report "Ecological Footprint of Nations" measures our impact is to by "Ecological Footprints," a measurement of the area (in acres) required to sustain our impact on the Earth. The average American requires 24.0 global acres, compared with the world average of 5.6 global acres.

For those of us (me included) whose immediate reaction to the presence of a child is "I want one ... or eight," there is a surplus of already-existent children who could really use some loving parents. Sub-Saharan Africa alone has over 34 million orphaned children,



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according to a U.N. article entitled "AIDS orphans in sub-Saharan Africa: a looming threat to future generations." (Approximately 11 million of those children's parents died of AIDS.)

Any resources we would use to raise children who do not yet exist can instead be used to raise children who already exist and need provision. Forgive me for thinking it is incredibly selfish to do otherwise.

Assuming you care, we are thus faced with a familiar ethical dilemma: Look after our own interest and contribute to the problem, or grow a conscience and be a teeny tiny part of the solution.

Our response to this dilemma usually boils down to what it costs us. It is in our interest to promote general human welfare insofar as it does not

cost us too much in terms of individual well-being. When promoting human welfare appears to conflict with some more immediate personal interest, we are willing to degrade the overall human situation just a little bit to do what we want.

Choosing not to have children implies sacrificing personal desire to act justly. On our campus, it would be refreshing to see Christians "take up their cross" when it actually cost them. You don't have to be a Christian, though, to be concerned for the wellbeing of humanity. There is nothing moral about contributing to human suffering because you want to carry on the family name.

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WHATif...

LOOKING AT THE
WORLD FROM A
NEW PERSPECTIVE

North Korean threat is nuclear in nature

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When President George W. Bush announced in 2002 that the civilized world faced an "axis of evil" that included Iraq, Iran and North Korea, few suspected that four years later the world would be faced with the threat of one of these powers developing a nuclear weapon with which it might enable nightmare visions of catastrophic terrorism. This new threat, however, may have been blown out of proportion. It is, after all, only one test of a vastly inferior nuclear device in an underground facility. Given that the United States has performed 1,127 nuclear tests; Russia, 969; France, 210; the United Kingdom, 45; China, 45; and India and Pakistan have conducted 13, what is one small detonation of a nuclear device by North Korea?

It would seem, then, that punishing North Korea with harsh sanctions could be seen as a hypocritical and arrogant gesture, since those countries enforcing the sanctions are the same countries which have high numbers of their own nuclear tests. In the interest of equality, suppose that North Korea were allowed to continue its nuclear program?

There are many fantastic and frightening possible roads down which this line of thought could lead. Perhaps allowing North Korea to go forward with its atomic program would provoke Iran to further its own nuclear program, triggering a series of events reminiscent of the cold war between the United States and the Soviet Union. This same kind of tension may also develop between Japan and China should Japan choose to use its technology to develop nuclear weapons itself.

In addition to the threat of cold wars (or hot wars for that matter), there is the concern of North Korea improperly using its new-found technology. North Korea has a history of selling military goods to other nations. According to U.S. officials and other outside sources, North Korea has sold military goods to at least 18 different countries. If North Korea is so indiscriminate in its selling of other military goods for hard currency, it is not unfathomable for it to divulge its nuclear weapons. While North Korea may not have direct ties to terrorist cells, its haphazard tendencies of leaking military goods could very well leave a potent nuclear weapon in the hands of a terrorist. This scenario could unleash any number of plots seen in horror films over the past half-century. If North Korea honestly cannot be trusted to keep nuclear secrets, it would be folly to allow it to continue to develop them.

What if, however, the United States and others err on the side of caution, and punish North Korea too harshly? Historically, North Korea has only pulled funds from its under-nourished populace to continue military research. Punishing North Korea too harshly could very well lead to horrible suffering of Korean citizens.

North Korea cannot be allowed to develop a full-fledged nuclear program. Although on the surface it may appear that judgment is hypocritical given the United States and other's history of nuclear testing, for security purposes it is necessary. This being said, it is imperative that the punitive measures not be too harsh, lest there be a risk of humanitarian crisis. If North Korea is prevented from furthering its nuclear endeavors, without unduly harsh measures, there is still a possibility of peace and stability among the nuclear actors in the world.

"What if..." is a column written by a series of staff writers. Opinions in this column do not reflect those of The Whitworthian.

Chinese censorship a roadblock to Google's "universal information" ideal



NATHAN HARRISON
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For the sum of 1.65 billion dollars, Internet search giant Google announced last week that it is snapping up YouTube, the video archive site that thrives on user submissions. Although Google already maintains its GoogleVideo service that operates much like YouTube, Eric Schmidt, Google's CEO, stated in a press release that YouTube "complements Google's mission to organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful."

That lofty goal of making knowledge "universally accessible" sounds good on paper – but do Google's actions bear it out in the real world? For citizens of repressive regimes, the answer would seem to be no.

Earlier this year, Google launched a version of its search page tailored to specifications from the Chinese government to omit results leading to sites that government has banned. Though not alone in this kind of self-censorship (search portals Yahoo! and MSN have submitted to similar requests by the Chinese government), Google's unofficial credo of "don't be evil" throws its unethical actions into sharper relief.

Examples of omitted results include links to accounts of the Tiananmen Square protests of 1989 that differ from the PRC's established position, down playing both the size and aftermath of the demonstration. In identical searches for a keyword phrase including the word "subversive," 83 percent of results returned from the Chinese ver-

sion of Google's home page were supportive of the Chinese government, while only 28 percent of results from the U.S. home page were so.

To be fair, Google has not gone as far as competitors like Yahoo!, who actively aided the Chinese government in gathering evidence against dissenters resulting in the imprisonment of multiple journalists in that country. Still, Google's policy of compromise guts the high ethical ground it seeks to differentiate itself from other information technology behemoths like Microsoft.

Rather than stand firm behind its principles, Google has opted to cash in on the lucrative Chinese Internet market and put moral concerns aside. That is not the only way it has to be for Internet companies working within the country – Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales has been steadfast in his refusal to censor the site at the request of the Chinese government, a policy that, until last week, earned the site a universal ban. Facing internal pressure for access to the now-ubiquitous resource, the Chinese government was the party forced to make concessions in this instance.

YouTube is not free from controversy either, coming under fire for censorship issues on its own turf in recent weeks. A video post by conservative blogger Michelle Malkin condemning perceived incidents of Islamic fascist violence was initially flagged as offensive by YouTube viewers, then yanked by the powers-that-be.

Malkin posted a follow-up video decry-

ing the deletion, and under pressure from the user community, YouTube was forced to recant and restore the original video. Commentators pointed out that videos displaying similarly partisan messages more in line with left-wing perspectives were largely untouched, as were videos with similar levels of violence – Malkin's included a number of gruesome crime scene photographs allegedly connected to Islam. As it appears, the only differentiating factor in the deleted video was the political leanings of its author.

"As two of the companies that define the contents of the Internet for millions of users, these incidents from the past year are symptomatic of troubling double standards."

As privately-held commercial entities, both companies are certainly free to act as they please, appeasing whatever government or squashing whatever viewpoint they desire. However, as two of the companies that define the contents of the Internet for millions of users, these incidents from the past year are symptomatic of troubling double standards.

This contradiction is even more concerning given Google's stated purpose in expanding its empire to include YouTube – furthering its goal of organizing and categorizing of all the world's information. It's an admittedly noble task. But perhaps the company could stand to do a little research about the true meaning of the words "universally accessible." I'm sure they won't balk at the request – I hear searching for answers is right up their alley.

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HUMOR COLUMN

Swimming pools are like hell, just without the fire

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The classic humor column consists of the rantings of snobbish curmudgeon about something he absolutely despises. If he's smart, he mocks something that *everybody* hates.

"Do you know what I can't stand? Bamboo under the fingernails! Also: heavy blows to the head!" "Yeah!" The audience says, "I totally feel ya!"

A foolish humor columnist, however, lampoons sacred cows, the very things his audience holds near and dear. "You know what really curdles my bile? Those little kittens with big blue eyes!" His body's usually found two weeks later, buried under a mountain of seething Letters to the Editor.

Guess which kind I am?

Today's Topic: Swimming. Liking it. Why I don't.

Problem numero one: The first step to swimming is stepping outside. The outdoors is a scary place full of bright blinding sunlight, itchy dust, biting gnats, bears, chupacabras and human contact. The outdoors makes me want to run back into the loving arms of my beanbag chair, as my laptop whispers sweet nothings into my ear.

To compound matters, before jumping in the pool I have to take off my shirt, lest I get my barbecue sauce stains soggy. I don't want to get all Body-Image-Show on you, but without my shirt on, I look like the secret love child of Ghandi and Wolfman. One look at my bare chest and people start donating money to third World countries. Plus, because I'm as white as Casper's albino cousin, I'm especially vulnerable to sharp pokey sunshine rays. Within minutes, my skin's goes from the color of the suntan lotion to the shade of a Communist lobster. I don't tan, I crackle. Using sunscreen strategically, however, I can make a design that, years later, will give me cancer in the shape of the Batman Symbol.

Upon arriving at your destination, you have two choices. You can gradually inch your way down the swim ladder, grimacing as the frigid water hits each part of your body. Some parts you grimace more than others. Or, more likely, you'll go with the ol' Your Friends Ambush You From Behind and Drag You Toward the Pool, as you Flail Your Arms Wildly and Try to Punch their Respective Larynxes, And They, On the Count of Three, Toss you Aloft in a Poetically Parabolic Arc ...

Let us pause, in mid-air, for a historical lesson. During World War I, the French Army found themselves marching into a mysterious yellow-green cloud. After tittering at the obligatory hilarious fart jokes, they noticed two things about this cloud: First, the unique smell – an effervescent blend of pepper and pineapple that tickles the nostrils while warming the soul and secondly, the way they dropped dead after breathing it. (The French were such *pansies* when it came to chemical asphyxia.) This cheeky poisonous chemical, known in da 'hood as "Chlorine," has been detected in many local pools. Fortunately, as any chemistry major knows, chlorine can be rendered inert with urine. Common, ordinary

urine. Whenever I'm in a pool, I do my part to combat the chlorine menace. Do you?

Unpause.

SPLASH

So there you are, bobbing in a witch's brew of chlorine, feces, urine and a sprinkling of water. Now what? What do you do? You can swim up. You can swim down, maybe side to side, but then what? You could dive under the water and try to scare your sibling by grabbing their leg, but the last time you tried that you mixed up legs and ended up spending a fortune on legal fees. You can splash. You can dive. You can try to drown your friends. But in the end, swimming is a lot like purgatory. You float ... and shiver ... and wait for your Dad to take you home.

"How could you speak such blasphemy?" you ask. "Surely, there must be some dark twisted psychological issues ping-ponging around your cerebral cortex, for such a demented outlook on life."

Indubitably. My hatred of swimming goes back to swim lessons at a little pool in a little place called Whitworth College.

Intellectually, I knew learning to swim was necessary, in case God became angry with the Earth again. And I wanted to avoid my father's method of swim teaching, what with the blindfolds, the cinder block weights, and the shrieking eels.

But confronted with swim lessons at Whitworth, a cold chill snaked down my spine.

The penguins and abominable snow people frequenting the water at the Whitworth pool should have been a subtle clue. Not only did the giant glaciers bobbing around in the water make it difficult to swim, they made the water a wee bit nippy. Just dipping my skeletal toe into the water made my teeth chatter like hypercaffeinated nutcrackers. I lack "insulation." I have to eat incredibly fatty and tasty foods constantly just to maintain the little amount of "insulation" I have. Poor, poor, me.

I jumped into the pool and sank faster than Ted Kennedy's car. I lack "buoyancy."

"Where are your precious water wings now?" my Dad cackled from the sidelines.

"Now," the swim instructor said, "Why don't you all do 100 bobs, take a couple laps and then see who can chug the most pool water! Starting... now!" And then she'd go and chat up the lifeguard for a while.

Under this meticulous instruction, I formed my own unique swim stroke, a hodgepodge of everything I'd learned. My left arm did the crawl, my right dog paddled, my left leg did the butterfly, my right leg did the backstroke, and my butt did the Macarena. I glided through the water like a graceful salmon getting hit by a taser.

One image, however, sticks in my mind like SAGA pepperoni to the HUB ceiling. I stand, at my last swim practice, teetering on the diving board, knees knocking and lips quivering, paralyzed with the fear that if I fell in, I might get wet.

So when the Wicked Witch of the West warbles "what a world, what a world!" we won't wonder why: Water won't work well with witches or Walters.



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Foley's follies are not our concern

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François Mitterrand, president of France from 1981 to 1995, known for strengthening the European Union, faced many scandals that surfaced at the end of his time in office. Of particular significance were his numerous affairs, including that with Anne Pingeot who secretly lived in a government-funded apartment with their daughter, Mazarine, during his years of presidency. But when Mitterrand died in 1996, polls showed he was the most respected president since Charles de Gaulle who held the office from 1958 to 1969 (CNN).

In France, the media respected Mitterrand's privacy during his years in office, and only exposed his illegitimate daughter in 1994 when it was clear he was dying of cancer and would be leaving soon. Even after the fact, when the complete scandal was exposed and the public was informed of the extent of Mitterrand's extramarital affairs, the French did not let those facts affect their view of the former president.

Now that the United States is faced with the page and e-mail scandal surrounding Rep. Mark Foley (R-Fla.), we must consider the appropriate actions to take. Foley has resigned, so his role in office is no longer an issue, but how will the public think of him now?

Suspensions and complaints about improper conduct between Foley and congressional pages have existed for years, including reports of sexually-explicit instant messages sent to male pages. Rep. Jim Kobe (R-Ariz.) mentioned a page who received an improper e-mail from Foley as early as 2000. But the controversy only

surfaced when ABC News reported the e-mail exchange on Sept. 28.

Foley resigned the day after the story ran and, on Oct. 1, Democrats accused GOP leaders of an election year cover-up. The House Ethics Panel is now interviewing page supervisors, in cooperation with the Justice Department, about how Republican leaders handled the problem. Reports show that Foley's inappropriate exchanges with pages were brought to the attention of House Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-Ill.) in 2005.

The situation definitely looks like a fumbled cover-

up, but inappropriate conduct between Foley and interns has nothing to do with his office. It may be disgusting, it may be wrong and it may make

you want to punch him in the face, but it does not affect his policies. If it did, then it would obviously be a problem to be taken up with the voters, but this situation is being properly handled by the Ethics Panel.

Before the last couple of decades, the adultery and secrets of high government officials were often either kept out of the media or ignored by U.S. citizens. But as of today, strongly evidenced by the Clinton-Lewinsky affair and the news coverage of underage binge drinking by the Bush sisters, Americans are increasingly concerned about the private lives of politicians.

Although extremely disturbing and deplorable, both the actions did not affect the political office or actions. On the same note as Mitterrand, both men committed acts which are not only unethical, but potentially criminal. Such ramifications can and will be decided by the Ethics Panel and the Justice Department, as well as local

authorities.

The marriage, affair or dark secret of a politician does not necessarily affect their policy or voting records, so why should the citizens of the United States care?

In Spokane, a recall proceeded and was carried out even though Mayor Jim West had not been officially charged with a crime. The suspicions and reports of the Spokesman-Review was enough to oust West from office; Clinton was impeached for perjuring himself when questioned about his mistress.

Were these scandals so major as to expel a politician from their office, when their decisions at their post were not questioned? The answer is NO.

Although some citizens may be relieved by Foley's resignation, they should not believe that a politician's family life or private conduct has any more influence on their job than their sexual orientation, race, gender, or the fact that they smoked weed in college. These characteristics have nothing to do with the present issues, causes and policies that they believe in pursuing. One woman may fight for women's rights more vigorously than a man, but that is part of her stance on issues.

It's exactly like voting for a person based on their personality. I would vote for someone who was a complete jerk if I agreed with their stance on the issues. And, I would not vote for a person who I didn't agree with on the issues if they were just a super nice guy. It's common sense.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: "Drinking scene ..."

Drinking doesn't make me 'awful'

I'm going to say first off, that underage drinking is not a good idea and is risky. I by no means condone the use of alcohol by minors nor do I promote excessive drunkenness. I am also aware that drinking often can create a risk of dependency, cause injury or death, and can be harmful to others.

With that said, there is nothing wrong with going to a party and drinking if you are of legal age. I think that it is a normal part of college life. I also think it is important to note that just because you go out and party does not mean your grades and relationships will suffer, as was suggested in the article "Drinking scene pushed underground." I have gone to parties and I have been out drinking, but I manage to keep an above-average GPA, to pass all my classes and to have time to spend with friends and family.

If you are an athlete who is of age, there is nothing wrong with drinking. The article made it sound like athletes were to blame for student's drinking. An athlete can have a party or go to a party where there is alcohol, if they are of age, and there is nothing wrong with that. Blaming the party scene "problem" on athletes is just an uneducated generalization and is very undeserved. Not only is it giving Whitworth athletics a bad name but it also gives individuals, who are of age, a bad name. The article made it seem like every athlete who is drinking is under-age. Whitworth athletics has all athletes sign a contract stating that they will not consume alcohol underage. This simply means that if you are of legal drinking age you are free to drink off-campus. If you are under-age that is a risk you take and the consequences are clearly stated in the Whitworth handbook. If you choose to drink underage that is your own choice and you need to know and accept the consequences of your actions.

I think the reason that drinking is so taboo at Whitworth is because people think drinking makes you an "awful" person. Whitworth students contribute to making the subject taboo by their judgmental attitude towards others. For example: I was talking to another student about my 21st birthday and, as soon as I mentioned the word "bar," I could sense that she thought I was an awful person. I did not know this student very well but I have a class with her. She used to sit next me but after our bar and alcohol conversation she sits on the other side of the room.

If being open about going out and having a few drinks with friends or going to a few parties makes me a bad person well than so be it. I know that it is not true. If the Whitworth community wants to get this topic out in the open people should not be so judgmental of others. It is not their place, nor their job to judge. Going to a Christian college should have taught all of us that.

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Re: "José Parlá"

Urban artist needed coverage

It is an outright shame that the visiting artist José Parlá's visit and exhibit on campus was not covered in the news of The Whitworthian last week. He has been "said to be one of the finest contemporary artists to emerge from America," and it is quite a privilege that he came to visit our small campus in Spokane.

The Pacific Northwest Inlander (Sept. 28-Oct. 4) even wrote an article on him! It talked about how, "A cutting-edge, Cuban-American graffiti novelist tells urban stories on the walls at Whitworth." How is it that a local community paper outside of our campus knows more about what is going on in our Koehler Gallery than our own newspaper? What kind of standards does this newspaper have for information to grant it the right of being print-worthy? In my opinion gossip on the possibility of a freshmen getting a million dollar record deal is not

comparable to the Jackson Pollock of the artist world visiting our campus.

A visiting artist from New York City who is working and interacting with sixty students is worthy of print, not only to inform the campus about what is going on in the art department and art world at large, but to recognize an individual who has chosen visual arts as his voice to make a difference in the world he lives in.

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Art

Koehler Gallery ignored by paper

We were disappointed to open last week's Whitworthian and see not one of your journalists reported on the art department's newest exhibit, "The Mystic Writing Pad." We find it surprising that there was not room for one mention of José Parlá, the most notable artist to ever visit campus.

The visiting artist program brings artists from across the country to work with students and faculty, educating them about their unique experiences and approaches to art. José Parlá was the most friendly and approachable artist to participate in the program so far. He was happy to answer questions about his paintings or just chat with students. It would not have been difficult for a Whitworthian reporter to arrange an interview with José and discuss his paintings.

The majority of Whitworth students may be apprehensive about contemporary art and the Koehler Gallery shows. We found it surprising that instead of alleviating some of this confusion your publication chose to ignore it. There has been little mention of this exhibit in The Whitworthian, which leaves students with no explanation or information about the show.

It is important for the various departments to collaborate and as the only newspaper on campus you are the Koehler Gallery's main media source. In the future please remember that every student should be represented in The Whitworthian. This is a school publication and should report all aspects of campus life; especially the renowned artists and programs we are privileged to host.

Cassie Swayze
Junior
History & Art History

Carolina Maldonado
Senior
Art

Jenn Ahre
Senior
Art

Re: "McGavick club does not benefit students"

Goal of club not a campaign tool

First and foremost I want to apologize because I should have requested to present the club to ASWC myself, which may have made things more clear from the beginning. However, the students that chose to start the petition made no attempt to contact me to clarify their position and the role of the club. Further, this discredits the petition since it has gathered signatures with false information as I will explain. Secondly, obviously I would not have interviewed for the opinion article had I known it was an opinion piece and not a fair representation.

I want to quickly explain the purpose of the club to correct some of the misunderstandings. Most importantly this club is not aimed at campaigning to students; it is entirely focused on organizing students — who support Mike — to volunteer off campus with his campaign. For this reason we will never post promotional Mike McGavick material, thus eliminating the worry that ASWC would be "endorsing" McGavick by approving McGavick posters. Secondly, it's important students understand the chartering of this club is in no way ASWC endorsing Mike on behalf of Whitworth, the

student body, or any faction of Whitworth. To say otherwise would imply by chartering the Hawaiian club they endorse Hawaiian culture, or any other club.

When we created the club we followed a pattern that has taken place at 10 universities across the state including Gonzaga, Whitman, Central, WSU. Lastly I want to make it clear this is not used by Mike McGavick as a campaign tool and I would find that inappropriate if he did.

I wish I had time to explain away all the fears and misunderstandings, but I do not have that kind of room.

James Radcliffe
Sophomore
International Studies
President of the Mike McGavick club

Re: "Local java scene ..."

Pleasant blends indeed pleasant

After recently reading the article on the "local java scene" in the Sept. 19 issue of The Whitworthian, I was extremely disappointed in the review of Pleasant Blends coffee house. Much of the information in the article is incorrect including the hours, the bakery they use, the "tacky" decorations, and not mentioning that they also have free Internet, sandwiches and ice cream.

Since I visit Pleasant Blends many times during the week, I know that the reviewers made hasty judgments and didn't do their research. If the "tacky" decorations and the plastic lobsters hanging from the wall that they were referring to were for the Whitworth pirate party that Pleasant Blends hosted in September, I am disappointed that these staff writers wouldn't take the time to find out what they were for. I think that it was extremely generous of Pleasant Blends to do something for the Whitworth community.

Pleasant Blends is a quiet, cozy place to enjoy friends or to study. I urge Whitworth students to go to Pleasant Blends to check it out for themselves and to form their own opinions.

Deborah Knutson
Alumna

Re: After graduation

Entering real life is not so scary

This past summer I was an intern for CNN in Atlanta, Ga. Being a sheltered person, this was the first time I was truly on my own, with no friends or family within a thousand mile radius. This was also the first time I would be entering the workforce for a big name company. Needless to say, I was pretty scared. However, after just one week there, all my fears were quashed and I settled down into a really enjoyable experience.

My reason for wiring this letter is to allay the fears of you who are scared about entering the real world and give some tips for surviving in the workforce.

First and foremost, realize that people are people. Just that. I can't tell you how many times during the "work day" people would be logged on to MySpace or other Internet sites. Don't assume that just because the company is big and powerful that the people that make it work are humorless automatons.

Second, prepare to do a lot of learning. Whitworth's education is great and helped me a lot during the internship, but there are some things you just cannot learn in a collegiate setting. Just because you get a piece of paper after four years does not mean that you are allowed to stop being educated.

So don't be scared, seniors, you're more than capable to head out into the real world and succeed.

Anthony Rodin
Alumni
Class of 2006

Read more letters to the editor at
www.whitworthian.com

By the
NUMBERS
China facts and
figures

-505 feet

At -505 feet Turpan Pendi is the lowest point in the country. It is a valley on the Southern side of a major Chinese pass.

9.6 million

China's area is about 9.6 million km. This is slightly smaller than the United States.

29,028

Mount Everest is the highest point in China towering to 29,028 feet. It is also the tallest mountain in the world measuring from sea level.

1.3 billion

China's current human population. China is the most populated country in the world followed by India which has a population of more than 1 billion people.

300 million

The current population of the U.S.

32.7 years

The average age of the people in China. The U.S. median age is 36.5 years-old.

90.9

The percentage of Chinese people over the age of 15 that can read and write. The United States has a literacy rate of 99 percent.

791 million

China's available workforce as of 2005. The U.S. available workforce is 149.3 million.

8.9 trillion

China's gross domestic product (GDP) as of 2005. The United States had a GDP of \$12.36 trillion.

- Compiled by Peter Burke
Information courtesy of:
CIA World Fact Book



The first years

The Pirates of 1906 featured one of the most dynamic teams in the Inland Northwest. Due mostly to the leadership of team captain Percy Colbert, the team saw major victories against Vashon College (Wash.), and also some local high schools such as Tacoma High and Olympia High.

Colbert, a sophomore in 1906, was considered the "star fullback" and was described as a "faithful captain" who the team depended on for much of its success.

For the first time, the Pirates faced the University of Washington and "made a remarkable showing against them," reported the Dec. 1906 Whitworthian.

The start of the 1908 season saw Whitworth at the bottom of many critics' lists for league champ material, and not for its quality of players, but mostly because of its small size. Most favored larger schools such as Washington State University or the '07 champion teams from Oregon Agricultural College and the University of Oregon. To everyone's great surprise however, Whitworth defeated UO and beat the University of Puget Sound 45-0. They eventually took third place among all teams in the northwest.

After that season, the Pirates were commonly referred to with a fierce "do or die" spirit, which would follow for years.



1920s

By the 1920s however, the "do or die" attitude dipped into decline. Despite a checkered season record, the Pirates still fought hard and were able to maintain a decent standing among regional schools.

"They think less of their personal injuries," writes one reporter in a Nov. 1928 issue of the Whitworthian of players who were willing to "give it their all" in the face of daunting opposition.

1930s

The thirties were times of increased spending on the athletic department, mostly for the football program which many students did not necessarily see as the most important sport to expand. Many felt that football was a sport for larger state schools.

"We should emphasize sports such as basketball and tennis that are more suited to a college of this size," wrote Robert Hansen in 1936.

Others felt that financing was important. A sport like tennis would be cheaper and more beneficial for a school like Whitworth.

"The college doesn't have sufficient funds to support football and do it right," wrote David Trunkey.



100 years of Whitworth College



1950s

By the fifties, football at Whitworth was as popular as ever, especially during the week-long homecoming celebration.

A week of "spirit-raising week of fun" psyched everyone into an energetic fervor exploding at Saturday's big game. Fans remained excited win or lose, and the celebration usually continued downtown at the Davenport Hotel with a special dinner banquet.

The program expanded regardless of the criticism and hype, and in May 1962, the Pirates were named Inland Empire Athlete, Team and Coach of the Year.

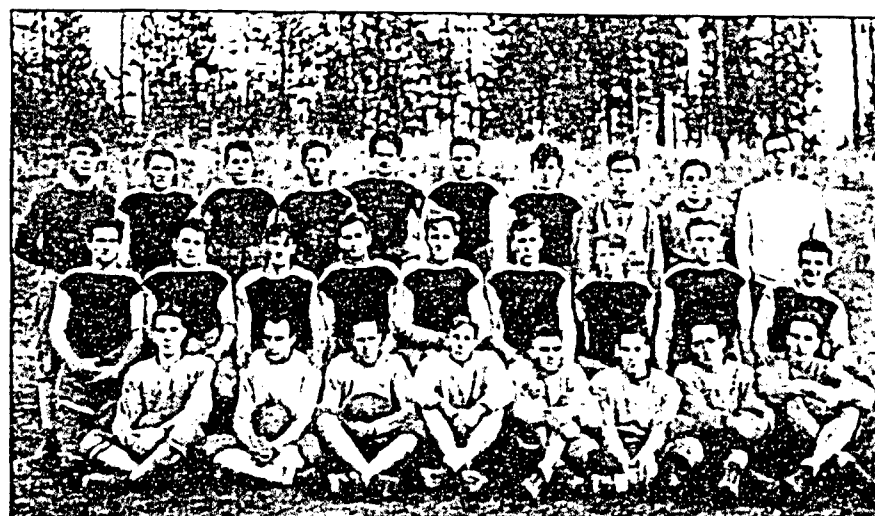
1970s

In spite of program expansion and to struggle through a speckled season in the early seventies.

In 1970, coach Rollie Robbins surprised everyone with the athletic department at Whitworth for two years and his surprising withdrawal. Robbins was gone for years, marking a time of uncertainty to be reshaped.

Developing a new program from scratch was looking forward too.

The staff was too small, but by '71 which helped the team go up against





100 years College football

years, students have watched the Whitworth Pirates football team compete against schools from all over the nation. In spite of Whitworth's size, the team has stood its own against colleges and universities ten times its size throughout the years. The issue of the Whitworthian states that the Pirates should always be a team of clean men who depend on superior brains, speed and determination for success. In the years to come, the football program would attempt to hold its own.

In an expansion and honoring awards, the team still had a speckled season of minor wins and losses up into the 1960s. Coach Bill Robbins suddenly resigned over a "difference of opinion in the athletic department." Robbins had only been coaching for two years and had high hopes for the team before his departure. Robbins was Whitworth's third coach in seven years. The program was in a state of uncertainty as to how the football program was to be run. The program from scratch was not something many players could handle. Small, but by '71, two full time assistants were added and the team went on to play against larger schools.



1990s

In September 1994, the Pirates played for the first time in the new Pine Bowl against the Willamette Bearecats during the homecoming celebration. Over 1,200 people came to watch the Pirates play their best in the new stadium, but they lost 47-39.

"I'm obviously not doing a very good job of coaching, am I?" defensive coordinator Chris Casey said in the September '94 issue of the Whitworthian.



Present

Today, Whitworth alumni and former athletes still enjoy coming back to watch the Pirates play on the same grounds they did decades before.

Shawn Wilson '73 says that he still spends time with his fellow Bucs.

"During all our outings, I never hear anyone ever bragging about knocking someone down or the block they made or the touchdown they made," Wilson said. "It's all about camaraderie and friendship."

Wilson also noted how the Pirates have struggled in recent years against long standing rivals. With the progress this year's team has been making however, he confirmed that the potential for greatness is not far away.

"Today's program is out to be successful. They're out to win games," Wilson said.

Wilson also remembers the unique community he found at Whitworth, and the players and coaches who taught him things both on and off the field.

"I don't think a major college has that sort of thing," Wilson said. "I'll never forget what Whitworth did for me."

Director of Athletics Scott McQuilkin attributes the small-team community to the difficulty of recruiting new players, especially since the distribution of athletic scholarships was cut almost a decade ago.

"In order to have thirty football recruits on our roster each fall, our coaches talk to somewhere near 1,000 high school seniors and junior college transfers," McQuilkin said.

Yet in spite of Whitworth's small size and the difficulty in recruiting and keeping up with an ever-growing program, the Pirates and their near constant underdog status have been able to play alongside the greatest teams in their league for 100 years. They continue to unfailingly represent the mission of Whitworth College, as made apparent in Saturday's one-sided victory against Lewis & Clark College which ended with a Pirate victory of 70-3.

In front of more than 3,500 spectators, including many alumni such as the undefeated team of 1960, the Pirates beat out the Pioneers. This homecoming game stood as a well-placed marker in the Pirate's 100th year of playing.

Junior defensive back Jay Tully expected his team would play well for the homecoming game, but not quite that well.

"You can't expect to win 70-3," Tully said.

Sophomore quarterback Kory Kemp said his coaches stress the heritage of the Pirates and that the modern team can look to past teams, such as the 1960 team, for inspiration.

"He talks about how important it is for the alumni to see [us playing well]," said Kemp.



Story by Lucas Beechman, staff writer

Photos by Nate Chute, Jesse Clark and Thomas Robinson. Whitworthian. And courtesy of the Whitworth archives and Whitworthian file photos

Pirates of Penzance

*Comedic light opera
opens, sets auditorium
attendance record*

Dani King
Staff writer

Students and parents were entertained this weekend by Whitworth's performance of "The Pirates of Penzance," a Gilbert and Sullivan piece directed by professor of theatre Rick Horner. For the first time in Whitworth theatre history, all pre-sale tickets for last Friday, Saturday and Sunday's performances were sold out to fill each of the 1,000 seats in Cowles Memorial Auditorium.

"Pirates" tells the tale of Frederic, a boy who was supposed to be sent off to be the apprentice of a *pilot*, but due to a comical miscommunication was sent off to be a *pirate* instead. Frederic falls in love with one of the many daughters of a dignified major-general while a band of policemen are chasing down the Pirate King and his comrades.

Horner described "Pirates" as being pure entertainment for the sake of entertainment.

"This is the first time we've done a Gilbert and Sullivan show and that's criminal," Horner said.

The show consisted of a cast of 22 actors and 20-plus crew members who managed the stage, props, costumes and makeup. The cast and crew had been rehearsing since the beginning of the school year for three to five hours a day, six days a week. Their hard work paid off and the show was performed without any noticeable flukes.

Preparation for the show consisted of voice rehearsals with musical director Marc Hafso, choreography with Suzanne Ostersmith and staging, Horner said. Students' artistic input into the show was highly encouraged.

"We spent lots of time laughing," Horner said.

Horner also commented that his cast was fun, professional and there were no complaints despite the tremendously demanding time commitment.

"We run a tight ship," Horner said. "We pay attention to detail early on."

Before the show is performed the cast "walks the stage" checking to get a feel for the stage and to make sure all props are in place. The cast

PLAY REVIEW



Pirates of Penzance

★★★★★

Director: Rick Horner

Musical director: Marc Hafso

Genre: Musical comedy

Running Time:

approximately two hours

Show times:

Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

Cost: \$5 for students

Tickets can be purchased in advance in the theatre office or at the door.

then goes through a vocal warm-up, a "locker room talk" by Horner and usually a prayer before show time. The cast also performed a dress rehearsal at a local nursing home which was attended by about 120 residents.

The theatre program does not receive a budget from but relies on revenue from the shows. Just to purchase the rights to perform a show costs \$3,000, which does not include the costs of props, costumes, makeup, etc.

One highlight of the show was the "Ode to Bill Robinson" that was incorporated throughout the performance. In the song, "I Am the Very Model of a Modern Major-General" performed by senior Ben White, lyrics were tweaked to poke fun at Whitworth traditions such as catching pine cones, eating at Saga and the incredible name memorization skills of President Bill Robinson.

Many members of the cast are not theatre majors or are new to the Whitworth theatre program, such as freshman Evan Worden who played the lead role of Frederic. Horner said that the Whitworth theatre program is unique in that a variety of students can get involved, whether they are pursuing theatre as a major or not. The support and enthusiasm surrounding "Pirates" has been exciting for the cast and crew as well as the Whitworth community.



Jesse Clark, Whitworthian

TOP: Sophomore J.J. Ekin (Pirate King) sits on junior Matt Park (pirate) with freshman Evan Worden (Frederic) and other cast members behind him.

ABOVE LEFT: Senior Ben White (The Major-General), surrounded by other cast members, shrinks away from sophomore J.J. Ekin (Pirate King.)

ABOVE RIGHT: from top left, junior Stephany Jeffers, junior Michelle Klevjer, junior Bethany McNutt and sophomore Conor Wing (police) peek around a wall in anticipation of a pirate attack.

Walktober encourages good fitness habits

Kelly MacDonald
Staff writer

This October, the Scotford Fitness Center has joined with the nation in a new month-long program aimed at creating a healthier nation. The event, called Walktober, encourages walking in the pursuit of fitness. The program lets students and faculty track online how much they walk for a chance at prizes.

The event started at the beginning of the October. Participants, after paying a \$3 fee, set up an account at the Walktober Web site, with a password that allows them to document the time they walk each day. The administrator, the Whitworth student manager, watches the progress of the participants. Each

week prizes are given to the participant who walks the most.

In the first week of October, freshman David Kuraya won a Bruchi's gift certificate. At the end of the competition the person with the most walked minutes will receive a \$30 gift certificate to Twigs. The second and third place winners will receive a \$30 Red Robin gift card and a \$15 Didier's gift certificate, respectively.

According to the Web site, Walktober is designed to inspire individuals to make walking a priority, in October and beyond.

The participants of Walktober make goals as to how much walking they will do each day. Each week the goal is increased in hopes that by the end of the month, they will double their

Benefits of Walking

In addition to being healthy for your body, walking benefits your brain, improves your mood, helps ward off depression and allows you to connect more deeply with your spiritual side and with your loved ones.

See WALKTOBER, page 14

Information courtesy of about.com

City
LIFEIce Palace open
for skating
through March

The Riverfront Park Ice Palace opens for skating tomorrow and will remain open through March 1, 2007.

Located at the Riverfront Park in downtown Spokane, the ice rink will be open Mondays through Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 to 8:30 p.m.; Fridays, Saturdays and holidays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m.; and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$4.25 and skate rentals are \$2.75.

Country music
band coming to
Spokane Arena

The country music group Brooks and Dunn will be playing in Spokane on Friday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. at the Spokane Arena. The concert is part of Long Haul Tour and will also feature country artists Jack Ingram and Sugarland.

Tickets are \$39.50 to \$50 and can be purchased through Tickets West by calling (509) 325-SEAT or visiting ticketswest.com.

Comedy troupe
performing
downtown

The improvisational comedy competition ComedySportz will have shows this Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. at the ComedySportz Theater in downtown Spokane. The show has been compared to the popular TV show "Whose Line is it Anyway?"

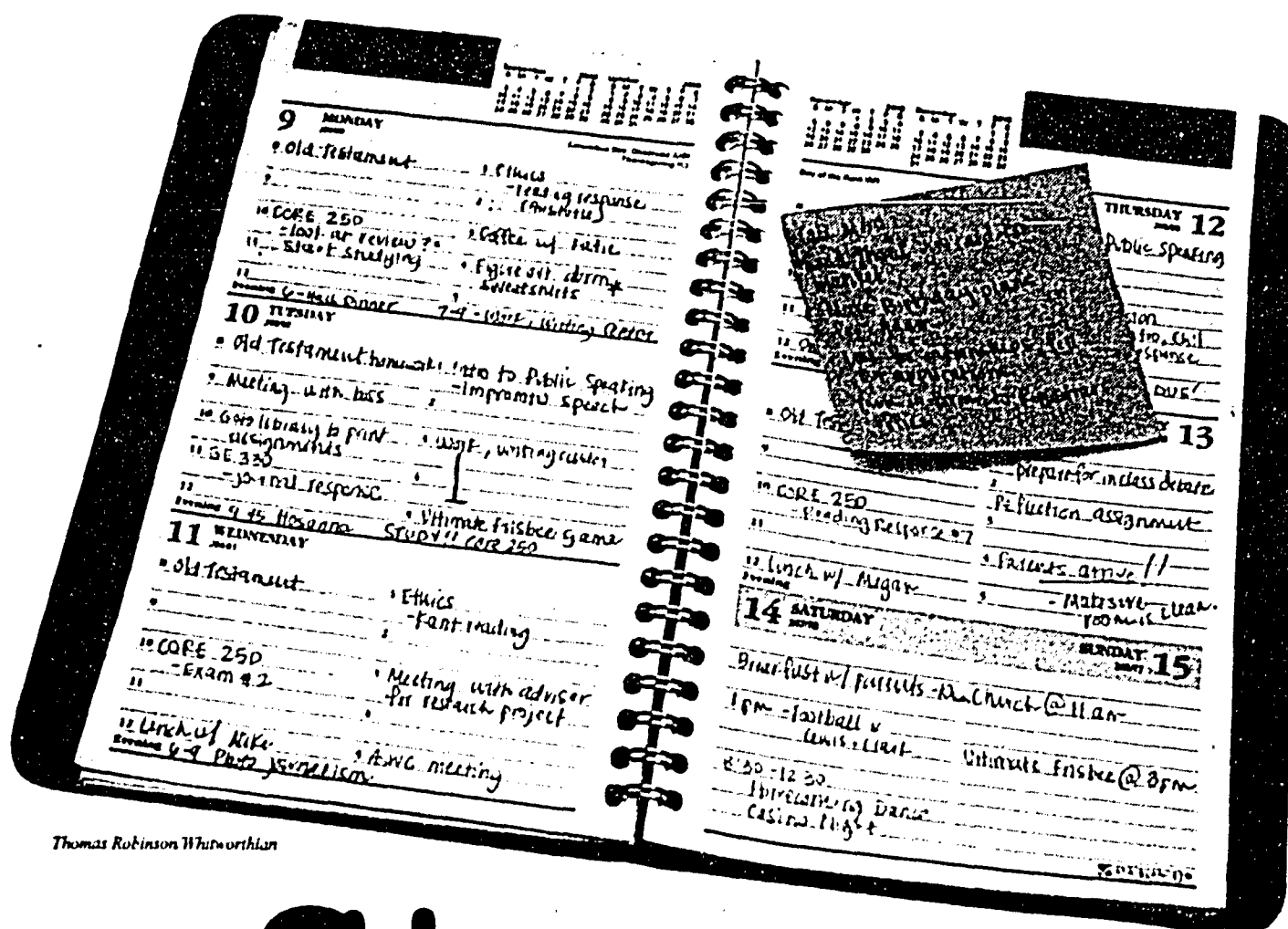
Tickets are \$10 at the door and \$8 if reserved in advance. For more information or to reserve tickets call (509) 636-1279 or visit spokanecomedysportz.com.

Film premieres
before nation-
wide release

"Conversations With God" will be premiering at the Unity Center of North Spokane before its nationwide release. Based on the best selling book by Neale Donald Walsch, "Conversations With God" tells the story of Walsch, who turns to God at the lowest point in his life.

It will be shown this Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. Admission is free. For more information visit <http://www.unitycenter.org>.

— Compiled by
Natalie Johnson



Thomas Robinson Whitworthian

Stress.

Students find outlets to relieve anxiety

Caley Ochoa
Blair Tellers
Staff writers

Many students give up a lot of things because of stress – sanity, money, longevity, health, sleep and happiness. Given the fact that these elements factor into the overall quality of life, students have to decide if stress is worth it.

Stress has a larger impact on the body than one might be aware. The "fight or flight" mechanism triggered by acute stress prepares the body to respond to various dangers. When this happens, the body releases adrenaline and the hormone cortisol, which regulates the heart and circulation. The pulse quickens, increasing oxygen intake and priming the muscles, lungs and brain for increased demands. Acute stress can also cause the skin to feel cold and clammy and digestion stops. This physical response may be helpful if one is an athlete. If one does not relieve stress through a physical outlet it can become a pain in the neck, literally.

Millions of people suffer from chronic stress. Chronic stress occurs when an external or internal stressor remains present for an extended period of time. It also occurs when the person experiencing the stress does not properly relieve or manage their stress. While acute stress has been known to cause certain health problems, chronic stress is more commonly responsible for the major health problems.

According to medical experts, stress is related to six of the leading causes of death including heart disease, cancer, lung ailments, accidents, cirrhosis of the liver and suicide. Besides causing serious health problems, stress is attributed to minor health issues like headaches, dizziness, neck and muscle pain, indigestion, insomnia, fatigue, weight fluctuation and sexual difficulties.

Stress can be caused by a variety of things from physical discomfort to psychological distress. When surveyed, 50 Whitworth students reported on their current feelings of stress. On a scale of 1-10 (10 being the greatest amount of stress) students rated themselves at an average of 5.7. Women rated themselves on an average of 6.5 and men roughly 5.0 on the scale. When interviewed, men more frequently reported their lower stress was due to the fact that they just did not let themselves worry.

"My biggest stress is that I'm not as stressed as I should be," junior Grady Locklear said.

Most students attributed their stress to academics. Nearly 90 percent of women and 84 percent of men cited homework and exams as their biggest stressor. Ten percent of those people said that Core specifically was causing them stress. In addition to school, students said that relational aspects of their lives contributed to their levels of stress. This seemed to concern women more than men as 28 percent of women reported it in the survey versus only 16 percent of men.

Stress management

Follow these nine problem solving steps to manage and relieve stress:

1. Define the stressor or stress reactions as a problem to be solved.
2. Set realistic goals as concretely as possible. What are the behavioral steps needed to reach goal?
3. Generate a wide range of alternative courses of action.
4. Imagine and consider how others might deal with the problem.
5. Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of each solution. Rank them from least to most practical and desirable.
6. Rehearse solutions (strategies and behaviors) using imagery, behavioral practice and gradual practice.
7. Try out the most acceptable and feasible solution.
8. Expect some failures but reward yourself for trying.
9. Reconsider the original problem in light of these problem solving attempts. How does it look now?

Information courtesy of the Whitworth counseling services

"It's just the combination of everything," sophomore Allison Dauer said.

Many women attributed stress to a conglomeration of various responsibilities and demands. Men, on the other hand, seemed to have a different perspective on stress.

"I don't have to be here if I don't want to," sophomore Zach Mullen said.

Recognizing which things one can control and the situations that one cannot is a step towards gaining a healthy perspective on stress. Not all people naturally cope with stress well. According to experts, some personality types mishandle stress as a rule. Anyone can learn to better handle and relieve their stress.

Whitworth is fairly rigorous when it comes to academics. Many students have come up with specific ways to handle the stress that comes from homework, jobs and social lives.

Junior Becky Burroughs and senior Alissa Adams said that usually they designate Wednesdays for venting about stress. That way, other days, especially weekends, are more enjoyable.

Other students said they smoke cigarettes or marijuana, drink alcohol and some even masturbate to relieve stress. Some students escape the

pressures of classes just by not attending.

Freshman Wendy Ryan prefers a more emotional approach to dealing with stress, saying that sometimes she just sits down and cries.

Still, others go to more extreme measures in order to cope with the everyday trials of being a young adult. Junior Jamie Kneese admitted to cutting herself in late high school and early college when she became overly stressed.

"I used to cut my wrists," said Kneese, holding out her arms and pointing to the horizontal scars.

For other students, stress is something to be tackled in good humor.

"What do I do when I get stressed out? I put on my antigravity boots and walk on the ceiling," freshman Jarett Hancock said.

Junior Ryan Scrupps joked that he takes his stress out on domestic animals.

"Ritual killing, you know, slaughter lambs," Scrupps said.

Director of counseling services Janelle Thayer has seen many students trying to deal with stress "pile-up," when everything seems to happen at once.

Thayer observed the different ways that men and women manage the anxieties of college life when everything becomes overwhelming.

"Guys sometimes don't realize how stressed out they really are because they will go into hibernation mode," Thayer said.

She said one of the most prevalent coping mechanisms among young men is hours and hours of playing video and computer games.

On the other hand, women are much more expressive about their overwhelming stress. Thayer said she had seen many women who were "getting into not eating and starving themselves."

Thayer also observed that some of the most strained college students are the ones with performance anxieties.

"When high professionalism meets with high stress, the result is a very high strain on the student," Thayer said.

Thayer has counseled many students suffering from stress caused by a variety of stressors outside the realm of academia. Many young adults at Whitworth suffer from stress caused by social anxiety, shyness and homesickness.

There are a myriad of ways to deal with stress pile-up healthily. Thayer explained that the best solution, primarily, is prevention – good planning on the front end of the semester.

"When you're actually in the situation, just stay as relaxed and calm as you can. Stay the course until the tornado has blown by," Thayer said.

It is important to maintain healthy coping strategies because dealing with stress correctly will improve an individual's overall well-being. There are many solutions to effectively dealing with nervous tension, constant worry and anxiety. Gaining perspective on a situation, taking a deep breath and recognizing what can be controlled and what cannot are just a few steps towards healthily managing one's stress.

A&E BRIEFS

Jazz combos performing original works

Whitworth jazz musicians will perform in three different combos on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 8 p.m. in the music recital hall. The performance will include original compositions by Don Goodwin and senior Nathanael Ankeny. Admission is free.

Staged reading first in series of performances

Students will be performing a staged reading of George Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man," at 7 p.m. in the Hixson Union Building.

The reading is part of a series of performances that will continue throughout the semester. Admission is free.

— Compiled by
Natalie Johnson

Weekly EVENTS

TUESDAY | OCT. 17

- Last day to switch to P/NC
- José Parlá exhibit in Koehler Gallery

WEDNESDAY | OCT. 18

- Staged reading 7 p.m. in HUB multipurpose room
- José Parlá exhibit in Koehler Gallery
- "Boys of Baraka" film showing 8:30 p.m. in Weyerhaeuser room 111

THURSDAY | OCT. 19

- Library book sale 9 a.m. in library classroom 106
- José Parlá exhibit in Koehler Gallery
- "Pirates of Penzance" performance for high-schoolers

FRIDAY | OCT. 20

- "Pirates of Penzance" 8 p.m. in Cowles auditorium
- José Parlá exhibit in Koehler Gallery
- Manchester, 9:30 p.m. in HUB multipurpose room

SATURDAY | OCT. 21

- "Pirates of Penzance" 8 p.m. in Cowles auditorium

SUNDAY | OCT. 22

- Fall Preview for prospective students

MONDAY | OCT. 23

- Fall Preview for prospective students
- Thomas Hammer presentation, 4 p.m. Mind and Hearth
- McMillan Haunted House, 8 p.m., \$2

Scene

Manchester makes Spokane tour stop

Jennifer Ingersoll
Staff writer

Jonathan Pasma and Cory Siebe have never been to Manchester. In fact, the 22-year-old Whitworth alumni do not even really know much about the place.

Pasma and Siebe have adopted the name of the English city as their own, under which they play

an eccentric blend of British-rock and folk-indie music in and around the Pacific Northwest.

Manchester plays what "The Stranger," a Seattle-based newspaper, calls "a pub-rock/ragtime sensation." Pasma and Siebe sing in sync, in intentionally fake British accents, while facing one another on-stage in what they call "the Manchester Stance."

The Brit-rock inspired duo is primarily guitar and piano, but is finely complemented, on occasion, by accordion, harmonica, snare drum, whistling and banjo.

The Seattle-based band has been busy touring, playing nine shows in the first 10 days of September. Their schedule of upcoming gigs includes stops in Kennewick, Spokane, Bellingham, Ellensburg,

Portland and Seattle.

Manchester will be performing at Whitworth this Friday night at 9:30 p.m. in the Hixson Union Building.

You can hear Manchester online at <http://www.myspace.com/manchesterlive>. You can purchase their self-released album, "Chipper Acts of Chivalry," online at <http://www.thebandmanchester.com>.

WALKTOBER

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original goals.

The Scotford Fitness Center has two to three incentive programs each year as a means of encouraging activity around the college. Walktober is one such program.

"This program is geared towards people who don't normally work out. It's about getting people active," said student manager and junior Abbie Davis.

October is national walking month. "It's a great time to walk," Davis said. "The weather has been really good."

The Walktober Web site also sends out daily e-mails to participants that give details on the health benefits of walking.

Kuraya said that since he does not have a car, the program appealed to him because he was used to being on foot.

"Walking is cool. I'm not from anywhere near Spokane, so being able to check out stuff is probably a good idea to learn where everything is," Kuraya said.

He said that he had not appreciated just how much walking he already did before he started counting minutes.

"You don't realize how much you walk around until you start clocking yourself," Kuraya said. "For example, I put in a good hour every day just walking to the HUB, to and from my dorm and to classes."

Kuraya likes the program, especially the prizes.

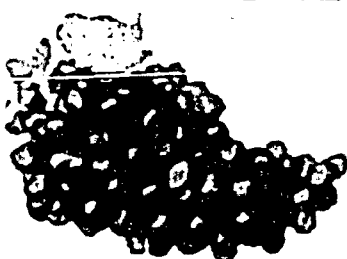
"The prizes are a perk. But I found it pretty ironic how it was, free food, in exchange for exercise," Kuraya said.



Bryan Whitmore/Whitworthian

Junior Yazmin Valdes and sophomore Emily VanSteenwyk take some time on the treadmills in the Scotford Fitness Center last Friday.

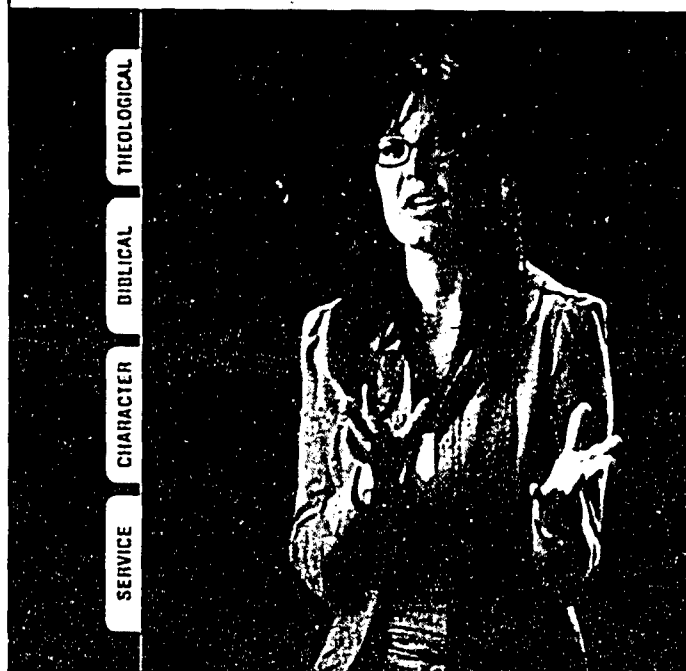
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Scene

Grille highlights family heritage

Pub combines good food and welcoming atmosphere while presenting Irish culture

Galen Sanford
Staff writer

I've been to O'Doherty's Irish Grille three times. Shannon, the assistant manager and one of the owners' brothers, already knows my name. The majority of customers who enter the bar are greeted by name — it feels like "Cheers" minus the drama. The first time I ate there Shannon discussed



poker with my friend and me for almost ten minutes. O'Doherty's definitely focuses on the customer. Shannon is always prompt to take orders and I've never waited more than a minute for beer or six minutes for food.

The food is perfect pub fare. I've had the shepherd's pie (\$10), the Butte pastie (\$8), the Irish stew (\$3) and a grilled chicken sandwich (\$7). Everything has been fast, good and hearty. The stew is great on a cold day and the pastie will fill you up better than your typical \$8 entrée. My friends enjoyed their food too, especially the traditional fish and chips (\$7) and the Shamus Burger (\$8) — a burger with bacon on sourdough.

RESTAURANT

O'Doherty's Irish Grille

★★★★★

Location: 525 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.

Type: Pub, burgers, sandwich/deli

Average meal cost: \$15

Contact information:

509-747-0322

Shannon recommended their Hooligan & Hannigan Corned Beef Sandwich (\$8) which the menu describes as their "humble attempt to re-create this city's most revered Corned Beef Sandwich." As you can see, the prices are reasonable. With a meal, a beer and a 20 percent tip, dinner will cost you under \$15.

O'Doherty's features a solid selection of beer, including imports like a Newcastle Brown Ale from England and, of course, a Guinness Stout from Ireland. There's local beers too, such as an Oktoberfest from Montana and a Heifenweisen from Seattle. There's 14 beers on tap, bottled beer and a full bar. A pint of beer from tap will run you \$3.50 for microbrews and \$4 for imports.

The bar is a horseshoe at the front of the pub, situated beneath picture windows



Jessica Carrier/Whitworthian

Customers enjoy a meal at O'Doherty's Irish Grille last Thursday.

with a view of the trees in Riverfront Park. Inside the pub the walls are brick and dark wood, modeled after East Coast pubs Tim, Shannon's brother, visited.

The booths are dark and close, but the ceiling is high, so the light from the windows reaches every corner. There's four TV's, but they aren't central, like at a Sports bar.

The walls are covered in newspaper clippings, photos, Irish song lyrics like "Irish Eyes are Smiling," a map of family names in Ireland and dollar bills. The tradition at O'Doherty's is, if you stand on the bar and sing, you can nail your dollar to the

wall and become an honorary member of the O'Doherty family. In the 14 years since O'Doherty's opened, thousands of dollars have been nailed to the walls. That's a big family.

But really, O'Doherty's feels like a family and that's the big draw. It's a place of laughter and conversation, good beer and good food. It won't cost you much to eat at O'Doherty's, so you'll have money left over to join the family. The owners, Shannon and his crew get five stars for excellent service, hearty food, good prices and a stay-and-chat-a-while atmosphere. They are the epitome of a pub.

Robin Williams' performance can't save 'Man of the Year' without punch line

Tim Takechi
Staff writer

Barry Levinson's "Man of the Year" is a frustrating film. The satirical premise, about a comedian who runs for president and wins, has promise. The energetic and witty Robin Williams, as the title role, is a casting stroke of genius. The final product, however, leaves the audience deflated and wanting more.

Levinson, as the film's writer and director, teams up once again with his "Good Morning, Vietnam" and "Toys" star Robin Williams to explore America's resentment of the current two-party political system. Williams plays Tom Dobbs, the host of a fake news show not unlike The Daily Show with Jon Stewart. An audience member suggests to Dobbs that he run for president. Dobbs, a well-known teaser of Democrats and Republicans, takes her up on that offer.

Dobbs is followed by manager Jack Menken (the always reliable Christopher Walken) and comedy writer Eddie Langston (a surprisingly mellow Lewis Black) on the campaign trail to start a nation-wide grass-roots movement to get

him on the ballot. When delivering speeches to audiences across the country, Dobbs chooses to act like a stiff presidential nominee instead of the TV personality that America has come to love. As a result, Dobbs is allowed to debate on television with the Republican candidate and the Democratic incumbent.

In front of a watching nation, Tom Dobbs becomes the goofy Robin Williams and makes a complete mockery out of the usually deadpan debate. Come election day, Dobbs wins a close three-way race using a new computerized balloting system.

The new voting system is designed by a software company called Delacroy. Veteran actress Laura Linney plays Eleanor Green, an employee at Delacroy who discovers a glitch in the system that could invalidate the entire election. Jeff Goldblum plays Alan Stewart, a menacing Delacroy big-wig who attempts to silence her discovery.

"Man of the Year" is a film that has a great premise that goes off into an unnecessary subplot about the election scandal. The film takes a wrong turn as it crams into its two-hour time frame a side story about corporate greed. The Delacroy/

Enron comparison is painfully obvious.

Barry Levinson is no stranger to making films taken straight from the headlines. Levinson's 1998 film "Wag the Dog" satirized the Monica Lewinsky sex scandal and Clinton's innocuous military action against Iraq. However, as a biting satire, "Man of the Year" has the set up but no punch line. Robin Williams is perfectly cast as the sharp-witted Tom Dobbs, but his story goes no where. The film never elevates itself above the silly plotline. It never goes that extra mile to make the satire meaningful. Instead, the audience is stuck with hearing clever one-liners rather than exploring the serious implications behind the issues that the film brings up.

Levinson should have stuck with his main idea of the comedian president and ran with that. As a political satire, it falls short of Sidney Lumet's incomparable "Network" (1976), a brilliant lampoon of television media. Had "Man of the Year" taken that direction and hammered its point home instead of treading on conspiracy theory territory, this film could be a serious Oscar contender.

Instead it feels like a second place candidate with not enough electoral votes.

MOVIE



Man of the Year

★★★★★

Director:

Barry Levinson

Starring:

Robin Williams

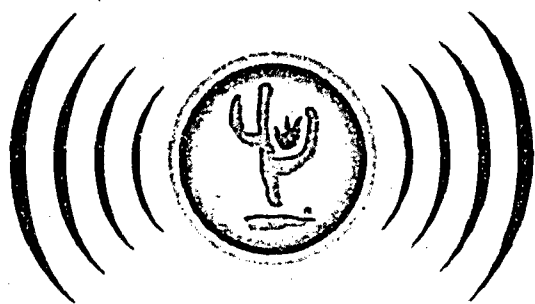
Genre: Comedy

Rating: PG-13 for sexual references, drug related material and brief violence

Running Time:

115 min.

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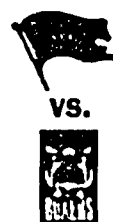
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Hall of Fame Day Massacre

In front of the legendary 1960 Whitworth football team, the 2006 Pirates dominate 70-3

Justin Jose
Staff writer

The Pirates gave the Whitworth community another reason to celebrate last Saturday, as the football team won against the Lewis & Clark College Pioneers 70-3.

Along with the game, Whitworth was celebrating Homecoming and the Heritage Gallery Hall of Fame Day with a record crowd of 3,650 fans, including the 1960 Pirate football team. The crowd was treated to a spectacular performance by the Pirates as the team lit up the scoreboard with 70 points.

The Pirates first touchdown would have been enough to win the game as senior quarterback Joel Clark evaded several Pioneer defenders on his way to a 20-yard run for the score.

With the win the Pirates, who are ranked 11th in the latest D3football.com poll, improve to a perfect 6-0 and 2-0 record in conference play. The Pioneers fell to 0-5 and 0-2 in conference.

In two quarters, Clark completed 11 of 15 passes for 186 yards and three touchdowns through the air to go along with his touchdown run.

Clark became the sole leader in career touchdown passes breaking the previous mark of 57, held by Danny Spurlock, a member of the 1960 team that was being inducted into the Heritage Gallery Hall of Fame that day.

Following the Pirates' score on their first possession, the Pioneers responded with a drive of their own. The Pioneers drove 59 yards, but were forced to settle on a 33-yard field goal by kicker Andrew Foote.

That was as close as the score would ever get.

After a Pioneer punt, Clark put together a quick six-play scoring drive as he hit junior wide receiver Steve Silva 45 yards downfield to build a 14-3 lead. The Pioneers got the ball back after a Pirate punt, but junior defensive back Jay Tully read Pioneer quarterback A.J. Brown's throw, intercepted the pass and took it back 40 yards for the touchdown, putting the Pirates up 21-3.

At the start of the second quarter, the Pioneers turned it over again as junior defensive back Ryan Marshall got an interception, weaving his way 48 yards for the score.

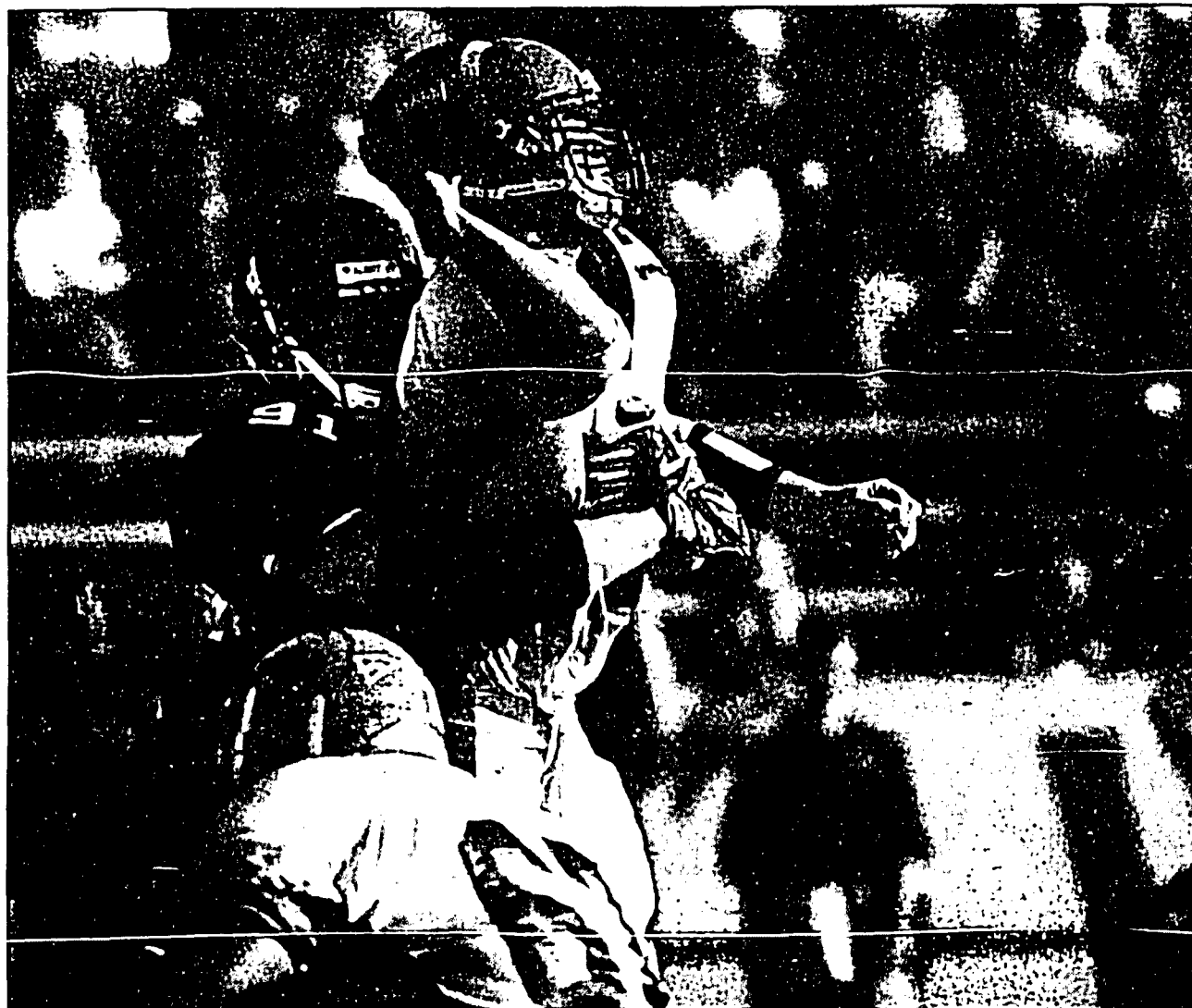
The Pirates were far from finished as sophomore running back Milton Nelson ran 38 yards downfield to set up Clark's second touchdown to Silva, this one for 25 yards. Senior kicker Cameron Collings' PAT put the Pirates up 35-3.

Lewis & Clark's misery was far from over as, on the next possession, Brown threw a deep ball downfield, but Tully made an acrobatic catch before falling out of bounds, collecting his second interception. The Pirates capitalized as Clark directed a five-play drive wrapped up by a 34-yard touchdown pass to senior tight end Michael Allan.

To close the second quarter, the Pirates fumbled but the Pioneers returned the favor on the very next play.

Whitworth capitalized again, this time by junior running back Kyle Havercroft who plowed two yards for yet another Pirate score.

In the second half, Whitworth reserves played nearly the



Joel Clark Whitworth.com

Junior defensive lineman Justin Rundle tackles Lewis & Clark quarterback A.J. Brown. The Whitworth defense forced Brown to throw five interceptions, two of which were run back for touchdowns, in a 70-3 blowout.

rest of the contest, continuing to dominate the Pioneers.

The Pioneers continued their giving ways at the start of the third when Brown was intercepted for a fourth time by junior defensive back Peter Ghilardi. Whitworth once again took advantage as backup sophomore quarterback Jon Luke hit junior tight end Drew Griggs from two yards out for Luke's first career touchdown pass.

Later in the third, sophomore running back Shane Stonemetz plunged in from one yard out, pushing the score to 63-3.

Sophomore running back Obe Quarless scored the Pirates last touchdown in the fourth quarter on a five-yard run and Collings completed the scoring with his 10th PAT, extending the Pirates' lead to 70-3.

"Everyone was excited," Marshall said. "I mean, the coaches told us this will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for many of us to be playing in front of a large crowd with so much support."

The Pirate offense and defense dominated throughout the contest. Whitworth put up 490 yards of total offense, while the turnover-prone Pioneers gained only 176 yards. The Pi-

rates ground attack featured 10 different carriers accounting for 276 yards. Nelson carried the ball nine times for 84 yards, while Stonemetz also carried the ball nine times but for 79 yards and a score.

Silva led the Pirates receiving corps with six catches for 120 yards and two scores, while Allan brought in three passes for 54 yards and a score.

The Whitworth defense continued its stingy ways forcing six turnovers and only allowing three points. Junior defensive back Phil Entel led the defense with five total tackles in limited play.

"The Northwest Conference is full of good teams and we have to approach each game like a playoff where we need to do everything we can to win," Marshall said. "We have to have the mindset that if we don't take care of business, then we could be knocked out of the real playoffs. So from here on out, each game is important and we need to approach it as one game at a time in order to continue our success."

The Pirates will travel to Atherton, Calif., to face conference foe Menlo University, who are 1-2 in NWC play and 3-3 overall, this Saturday at noon.

Pirates sweep Bearcats, fall to Wildcats



Senior Tamra Stark tries to tip the ball over the Willamette University blocker in a win last Saturday.

Sara Morehouse
Staff writer

For the second straight weekend, the Whitworth Pirates volleyball team split a pair of home matches.

Last Friday night, the Pirates faced the Linfield College Wildcats who are currently second in the Northwest Conference behind Pacific Lutheran University. Despite Linfield's high ranking, Whitworth was confident coming into the game.

"We were hoping for an upset, but it didn't really go our way," sophomore middle blocker Holly Tomlin said.

The Wildcats beat the Pirates in three games 30-23, 30-16, 30-24. Whitworth held match highs in kills and digs, accomplished by senior outside hitter Angie Florence with 15 kills and junior libero Cassie Moore with 19 digs.

Despite these small victories, the Wildcats dominated in the hitting per-

centage and overall pace of the game, said head coach Steve Rupe.

"They played so fast, it was almost like another level of play. They are an amazing team," senior outside hitter Nicole Vander Meulen said.

Linfield never trailed in the three games, though Florence achieved eight of her kills in the third game, trying to force a fourth game. The Pirates got within five points of the Wildcats, but in the end, Linfield prevailed.

Last Saturday, Whitworth got the win they were looking for, going against Willamette University in three games 30-22, 30-14, 30-28. Rupe said that the Pirates showed that they were the better team.

"Linfield was too fast for us, but we did the same thing to Willamette because we are faster than them," Rupe said.

With one of their highest hitting percentages of the season and numerous individual match highs, Whitworth sol-

idly beat Willamette with good playing, said Tomlin.

"We came in saying, 'We are winning this in three (games); nothing else is acceptable,'" Tomlin said.

Vander Meulen led both teams with 13 kills and Florence followed with 11. Florence also led both teams with 20 digs, Moore had 18 and sophomore setter Holly Ridings had 17. Ridings also contributed 43 assists.

Florence affirmed that each person on the team did her job.

"We controlled the match and took care of things on our side of the net," Florence said. "We didn't play down to their level."

The only moment of question in the entire match was during the third game. Willamette took an early lead, but a kill by Vander Meulen brought the Pirates back. The rest of the game featured ten

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Lauterbach, women finish second



Thomas Robinson Whitworthian

Junior Shannon Newth pushes herself at SFCC last Saturday. Newth finished in 19:52.

KT Pridgen
Staff writer

It was the seniors who led the Whitworth cross country team at the Big Foot Invitational at Spokane Falls Community College last Saturday. The women were once again led by senior Julie Lauterbach, while the men's team was led by senior Jeff Grassley.

Lauterbach took second overall in the race finishing in 18:34, right behind Whitworth graduate Kristi Dickey. The Pirates finished second overall with 63 points behind NAIA school Lewis-Clark State College who finished with 39.

Running second for the Pirates was freshman Jo E Mayer, who finished third with a time of 18:43. Senior Andrea Camahan finished 21st overall in 19:34, junior Emily Hurd finished 23rd in 19:35 and freshman Kaitlin Hildebrand finished 26th in 19:38.

Lauterbach attributes the team's success to their drive to succeed.

"Everyone has been stepping up to the line and wanting to perform well," Lauterbach said. "Their attitudes help carry me into the races."

Lauterbach said she has been pleased with the team's performances so far this season and where they can go.

"It's exciting because every meet our team has pulled together and improved," Lauterbach said. "The team is successful and it's young. It's great to think of its potential."

Lauterbach enjoyed the challenging course at the meet.

"I love hills because it's an opportunity to reel in people," Lauterbach said. "You really find out who your strongest athletes are because you need to go from running downhill to running uphill and still have a good finish."

Grassley is the captain and the only senior on the men's team, but everyone on the team has become leaders.

"Every single guy on the team has taken a leadership role," Grassley said. "I'm learning just as much from the freshman as they are from me."

The course at the Bigfoot Invitational is known for its difficulty.

"The course was brutal," Grassley said. "The

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NY Yankees in search of change

Peter Smelser
Editor-in-Chief

In 1776, King George III had British troops working on lopping off the head of an American Revolution. In 2006, King George (Steinbrenner) was rumored to be lopping off the head of his team manager Joe Torre, after another "failure."

The New York Yankees entered this year's Major League Baseball playoffs looking like an unstoppable juggernaut. Winning 97 games with one of the scariest batting lineups assembled top-to-bottom, it was expected that they celebrate a World Series Championship in the streets of New York.

FOR PETE'S SAKE

But, surprising most, they lost again early in the playoffs.

This is just the continuation of the Yankees postseason woes that have been going on since 2001. But this season seemed to be a culmination.

After destroying the Detroit Tigers in game one, things came unglued for the Yankees.

They lost three consecutive games and the series to the Tigers.

Alex Rodriguez, New York's \$25 million golden boy, batted 1-14 in the four game series. Gary Sheffield tried his best to match A-Rod and batted 1-12, as the Tigers steam-rolled the Yanks in games two, three and four.

So what went wrong? Well, everything. But this has been a long time coming.

What happened to the Yankees this year starts with an old adage that defense wins championships. In baseball your pitching is the biggest part of that defense.

This year, like the past few, the Yankees have not had pitching. Randy Johnson, this late in his career, is not a No. one starter, neither is the aging righty Mike Mussina. Johnson is only getting older and his career-high 5.00 ERA shows it. Jaret Wright has flopped for this team and the one bright spot, Chien-Ming Wang, is still developing.

The one great pitcher the Yankees have left is closer Mariano Rivera. But even he is showing the test of age and spent several chunks of this season injured.

The lone way the Yankees could get to Rivera from their starting pitching was through a bullpen that had more holes than a sponge.

To sum this up, the Tigers had pitching and the Yankees did not. Simply stated, New York lost because their best defense was having an explosive offense. In this postseason, there was no explosion because the bats got shut down.

Why then would people suggest Steinbrenner fire his manager Torre?

Because that's what you do as an owner. You fire the head coach or the manager, because clearly it is not the players' faults. They only play the games.

It is nice to see that Torre will be back in New York next season. The blame for this postseason failure and the failures of the past four seasons should start at the top. This is Steinbrenner's team; this is Steinbrenner's mess.

This year the Yankees were picked by most every baseball analyst to beat Detroit in the playoffs as the minimum thing they would do. Most picked them to win the World Series. That's not going to change. Offensively they will continue to be the sexy pick and pressure is going to remain steady.

It was not a bad season for the pinstripes. New York continued its dominance in the American League East, winning a ninth-straight division title.

But until they both develop and buy pitching that can handle the pressure of New York, expect more postseason losing from the Yankees.

MEN'S SOCCER

Colin Storm
Sports Editor

Senior midfielders Sean Lambrecht scored three goals and senior midfielder Ali Seyedali added a goal and three assists to lead the Pirates in two come-from-behind victories in Oregon last weekend.



SEYEDALI

Last Saturday, the Pirates gave up a goal to the Willamette University Bearcats in the 21st minute of the game when Paul Slavik headed in a ball from

teammate Ryan Ward.

But Whitworth answered less than two minutes later when Lambrecht found the back of the net off passes from Seyedali and senior forward Chris Johnson. Junior midfielder Skye Henderson scored the game-winner in the 39th minute as he kicked home a shot from 15 yards out.

Last Sunday, the Pirates came back from another deficit after trailing 2-1 at halftime.

Lambrecht started the scoring in the sixth minute off an assist from Seyedali. But the George Fox University Bruins answered with two goals, one of which was an own goal by the Pirates. With under a minute left in the first half, Bruins' Matt Gurlides beat Whitworth goalkeeper Kevin Bostock off an assist from Brian Story.

But the Pirates answered in a big way in the second half, exploding for five goals. Seyadali started the scoring in the 54th minute to tie the game up at 2-2.

Whitworth's all-time leading goal scorer senior forward Niko Varlamos nailed the game-winner of an assist from Johnson in the 59th minute.

Sophomore midfielder Jordan Lister picked up an insurance goal less than two minutes later to extend the Pirate lead to 4-2. Lambrecht picked up his second goal of the game on an assist from Seyedali in the 66th minute, before freshman forward Elly Bulega scored the first goal of his Whitworth career in the 86th minute.

The 6-2 win for the Pirates put them in sole possession for first place in the NWC with 20 points. Whitworth hosts Pacific University next Saturday, then host Linfield College Sunday, with both game times set for 2:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Elise Page
Staff writer

The Whitworth women's soccer team was dealt a disappointing loss to the Willamette University Bearcats last Saturday but came back to dominate the George Fox University Bruins last Sunday.



THIBODEAU

Last Saturday, the Pirates fell from second in conference to third when Willamette's sophomore forward Emily Goss tapped the ball into the goal after eluding Whitworth junior goalkeeper Leah Motz. The shot was started by Willamette's Laura Uhlmansiek, who took a corner kick that was headed down by Willamette's Samantha Post. The ball rolled toward the goal and was shot in by Goss in the 61st minute.

"It was sort of a sloppy goal," freshman defensive Stephanie Wipf said. "They got lucky." Though Willamette maintained the lead for the rest of the game, Whitworth had many opportunities in the game that did not follow through.

Thirteen minutes after Goss's goal, sophomore forward Penelope Crowe took a shot that just missed Willamette's goalie and hit the crossbar. In the 81st minute, Crowe took a penalty shot that was barely saved by Willamette's goalkeeper.

"We had a lot of opportunities on the

box, but we could never really finish. It was really disappointing," Wipf said.

Though Whitworth had a 5-2 advantage in shots on goal, the Bearcats emerged victorious in a 1-0 win.

"We really played well," Crowe said. "We just couldn't get it finished, and in the end, Willamette got it. They never dominated us though."

Last Sunday, the Pirates defeated the Bruins despite a bout of stormy weather.

"We played really well despite the circumstances," Wipf said. "It was really rainy and muddy and we were pretty sore from the day before. But we avoided playing sloppy soccer, which is what usually happens in the rain."

Whitworth's first goal was scored within the first 20 minutes of the game. Junior forward Greta Thibodeau scored off of a rebound on Crowe's free kick.

"Greta (Thibodeau) made really good runs with the ball," Crowe said. "She did really well."

Just 12 minutes before halftime, the second goal was scored by junior midfielder Jael Hagerott off a cross from Thibodeau.

"The ball was a cross and then it got cleared," Crowe said. "Jael (Hagerott) shot it right into the box."

The game ended in a 2-0 win for the Pirates.

"We're going to try to win every game," Crowe said. "We need to focus on controlling what we can control to succeed in conference."

The Pirates play Pacific University this Saturday and Linfield College this Sunday at home. Both games start at noon.

Sports BRIEFS

Yankee pitcher dies in plane crash

New York Yankees starting pitcher Cory Lidle died last Wednesday in a plane crash. The crash was due to a failed U-turn, in which the plane slammed into the side of a high-rise building. The National Transportation Safety Board believes that inexperience, tight airspace over the city or hazy weather led to the accident. The plane seemed to be making a difficult but commonly performed left turn over a 710-yard-wide section of the river between Manhattan and Queens when it crashed, killing Lidle and his flight instructor.

Tigers in first World Series since 1984

Magglio Ordonez's walk-off three-run home run in the bottom of the ninth inning last Saturday meant more than just a win over the Oakland Athletics. It meant that, for the first time in 22 years, the Detroit Tigers will make an appearance in the World Series. Just three years ago the Tigers set the Major League record for most losses in a season with 119, but new manager Jim Leyland has guided the Tigers to a 95-game winning season and now a wild-card berth in the post-season.

Buckeyes top first BCS poll of the season

The Ohio State University Buckeyes are ranked as the No. 1 team in the country by the first BCS rankings released last Sunday. The USC Trojans and U. of Michigan Wolverines are ranked second and third respectively. The ranking is controversial as the Wolverines are ahead of the Trojans in the AP poll. The Auburn U. Tigers and the U. of West Virginia Mountaineers round out the top five.

Seahawks wide receiver Engram out indefinitely

Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Bobby Engram will be out indefinitely due to a thyroid condition that is causing fatigue and an accelerated heart rate. Engram, the Seahawk's leading receiver last season, will undergo more tests after missing three days of practice last week. It is unknown whether Engram's condition is being caused by a virus or Grave's disease, which is a treatable disease that causes the thyroid to produce a surplus amount of hormones.

—Compiled by Yasmeen Cobb



Football

	NWC	ALL
Whitworth	2-0	6-0
Unfield	2-0	3-2
PLU	2-1	2-4
UPS	1-2	4-2
Menlo	1-2	3-3
Willamette	1-2	1-5
L&C	0-2	0-5

Next Pirate game:
Whitworth at Menlo
Saturday, Oct. 21 @ Noon

Women's Soccer

	NWC	ALL
Willamette	8-1-1	11-1-2
UPS	7-1-2	9-1-3
Whitworth	7-2-1	9-2-2
PLU	7-2-1	10-3-1
Whitman	3-3-4	3-4-4
Unfield	3-5-2	5-7-2
George Fox	2-7-1	4-9-1
L&C	1-8-1	3-10-1
Pacific	0-9-1	2-9-2

Next Pirate game:
Whitworth vs. Pacific
Saturday, Oct. 21 @ Noon

Men's Soccer

	NWC	ALL
Whitworth	6-1-2	7-3-3
UPS	5-1-2	8-1-2
PLU	5-2-1	8-4-1
Pacific	5-3-1	8-3-1
Unfield	3-4-2	6-5-2
Whitman	3-4-2	4-4-2
George Fox	2-6-1	6-6-2
Willamette	0-8-1	1-12-1

Next Pirate game:
Whitworth vs. Pacific
Saturday, Oct. 21 @ 2:30 p.m.

Volleyball

	NWC	ALL
PLU	10-0	16-4
Unfield	8-2	15-2
UPS	8-2	13-4
Whitman	5-5	9-9
L&C	4-6	6-14
Whitworth	4-6	5-16
George Fox	3-7	7-14
Pacific	3-7	6-14
Willamette	0-10	4-16

Next Pirate game:
Whitworth at Lewis & Clark
Friday, Oct. 20 @ 7 p.m.

Player of
THE WEEK

Sean Lambrecht
Midfielder

Scored three goals to
lead Pirates to two wins

Pirates win NWC North Tourney

Collin Storm
Sports Editor

Down two shots after the first day of a two-day tournament, junior Andrew Parrott came back to win the tournament and lead the Whitworth men's team to a victory.

After shooting an even par 72 in the first round, Parrott shot a two-over 74 last week to lead all players. First round leader Chris Packard from Pacific Lutheran University fired a 78 to follow up his 70 in the first round to fall to second place.

Junior Jordan Carter shot a two-day total of 153, good enough for fifth place in the individual standings.

Whitworth won the team title by 17

strokes over second place University of Puget Sound Loggers, firing a team total of 604 shots.

On the women's side, the young Pirates (714) finished second in the team title to the Loggers (677), but defeated the Lutes (724).

A pair of freshmen, Alicia Bratlien and Krystal Pitkonen, shot a two-day total of 173, good enough to tie for fourth place. Lutes' Emily Lau won the even shooting a two total of 161.

The Pirates will play in Oregon at separate golf courses next weekend for the NWC Fall Classic. This tournament will account for one-quarter of the total points in the NWC standings at the end of the year.

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last part of the hill was the most brutal because you know that at the top you still have another 800 (meters) to run."

Despite the difficult course, the team performed well. Grassley came in 15th overall with a time of 27:18, helping the Pirates to a fourth place finish in the team standings with 99 points.

Community Colleges of Spokane took first with 25 points on their home

course.

Also scoring for Whitworth were freshman Dusty Caseria who finished 19th with a time of 27:34, junior Travis Huskisson who finished 20th in 27:36, junior Jacob Deitz who finished 24th with a time of 27:26 and freshman Collin Stewart who finished 28th with a time of 28:01.

Head Coach Toby Schwarz was impressed with the fan turnout at the meet.

"It was neat to have a big crowd to support us," Schwarz said. "There were a lot of parents because of

Parents Weekend and most of the track team came. It was a nice home-field advantage."

Schwarz was also optimistic about the Pirates' chances at the Northwest Conference Championships in two weeks after traveling this week to the Lewis-Clark State Open in Idaho.

"We're still running well," Schwarz said. "It's definitely the best men's team I've coached and one of the best women's team, but the Conference is also much better. We'll still have a good chance to do well at conference."

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ties and three lead changes. The final tie was 28-28, but Vander Meulen secured the win with back-to-back kills. She attributes the win to the team effort.

"We came together as a team; we struggle with that a lot," Vander Meulen said.

Whitworth now stands at 5-16 overall and 4-6 in the conference. They hope to

add two to the winning side this weekend when they travel to play Lewis & Clark College Friday and George Fox University Saturday.

Rupe said that since they have not won two matches in a row yet, that is what they are planning to do. Rupe is confident the Pirates are in a pretty good spot to win both matches.

Lewis & Clark beat them at home last time, but Tomlin said that the team will definitely be seeking revenge.

under the
LIGHTS

with
Jacob Deitz
cross country

Silent leader
"Jake is more the silent leader type. He works hard and he succeeds. This speaks worlds to those who observe him at practice or in the race and even outside of practice," teammate and junior Travis Huskisson said.

If the shoe fits
"My favorite memory of Jake would be at Sundodger last year. At the beginning of the race, Jake got his shoe taken off. Instead of trying to untie the shoe and put it back on, he kicked it off and hit a fan in the chest (the kid was like 10). It turned out it was Jeff Forsyth's brother," teammate and senior Jeff Grassley said.

This summer
"He works hard and you can trust him as a teammate that he won't slack off. I believe this is the first summer he has lifted weights and his commitment to do that for himself and the team shows he continually strives to be perfect," teammate and sophomore Michael Bryant said.

Deitz won the Whitman Invite earlier this year. According to Bryant, Deitz is "funny and loves to fish."

CONFERENCE BRIEFS

Football

University of Puget Sound sophomore quarterback Kavin Williams rushed for three touchdowns in the first half to lead the Loggers past the Willamette University Bearcats last Saturday, 34-26. The Bearcats traded field goals with Williams' touchdowns to end the first half trailing 21-6. Down 27-6 in the third quarter, the Bearcats attempted a comeback when Bearcat quarterback Grant Leslie led Willamette to two straight touchdowns. With two minutes left, Logger running back Rory Lee sealed the game with a touchdown to preserve Puget Sound's first Northwest Conference win of the season.

Men's Soccer

The 22nd-ranked University of Puget Sound Loggers rolled to an easy 4-0 win over the host Linfield College Wildcats last Saturday. Logger goalkeeper Pete Van Sant recorded his eighth shutout of the season. The Loggers stuck first when Byron Conforti sent a ball to Scott Blanchet who scored in the 62nd minute. With 15 minutes left, Conforti found the back of the net on a free kick from 17 yards out. Alex Lehecka and Jeremy Denman added insult to injury with goals in the 85th minute and 90th minute respectively. The loss was the Wildcats' third-straight.

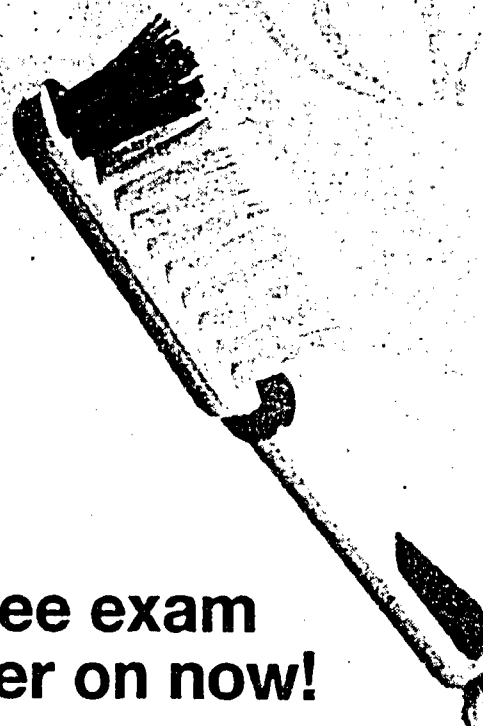
Women's Soccer

The 13th-ranked Willamette University Bearcats drew a 1-1 tie with the visiting Whitman College Missionaries last Saturday. Whitman took a 1-0 lead in the 55th minute when Kristen Berndt scored on a point-blank shot after a corner kick pass was sent on the ground into the box. With eight minutes left in the match, Kelsey Rogel kicked in the tying goal off a rebound of teammate Laura Uhlmann's free kick. The Bearcats owned the first overtime, outshooting the Missionaries 3-1, while Whitman controlled the second overtime holding a 2-1 shot advantage. Willamette held a slight 16-14 shot advantage for the match.

Volleyball

The Linfield College Wildcats suffered their second loss of the season last Saturday night at the hands of the Whitman College Missionaries 30-28, 30-23, 30-28. Whitman's Rosa Brey contributed 18 kills and hit above .440 for the match in the win over the 10th-ranked Wildcats. Despite holding a 18-9 lead in the first game, Linfield could not keep it. Whitman's Alex Graves served six straight points to bring the Missionaries within 18-15. Linfield went back on a run to go ahead 26-20, but the Missionaries went on a 7-1 run and used the momentum to take the first game 30-28. With the win, the Missionaries found revenge for a five-game loss earlier in the season at Linfield, where Whitman could not hold a 2-0 game lead.

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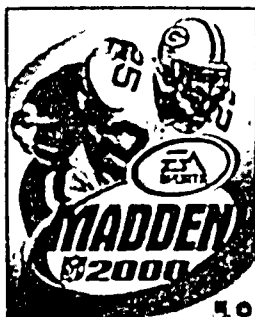
Do curses really exist?

Colin Storm Sports Editor

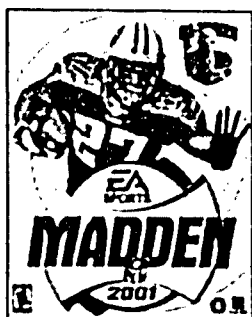
Sports are famous for many things, including competitiveness, superstition and greed. But what do you get when you combine all of those ingredients? Curses. Curses have affected many teams and individuals over the years, whether people believe them or not. For example, Fox TV pounded the Curse of the Bambino, perhaps the most famous curse in history, into the ground during the 2004 World Series when the Boston Red Sox finally broke it. Anything from teams trading players to stadium security not allowing a man to bring in his pet can form curses. Magazine and video game covers can form curses as well. Some curses even follow players or coaches wherever they go, or just affect one city. Here, we outline some of the more famous and infamous curses of all time.

Madden curse

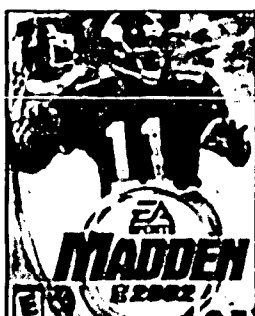
The popular video game has been known to ruin careers after featuring that player on the cover.



Dorsey Levens 2000
Rushed for 1,034 yards in 1999. He has not rushed for more than 411 yards since appearing on the cover.



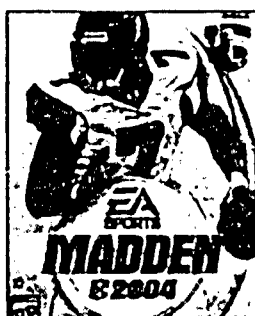
Eddie George 2001
The season after being featured on the cover, he coughed up a fumble that cost the Tennessee Titans a Super Bowl ring.



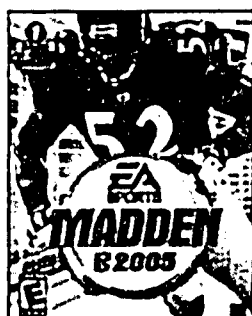
Daunte Culpepper 2002
After starting the season 4-7, Culpepper suffered a season-ending knee injury. Played in only seven games in 2005.



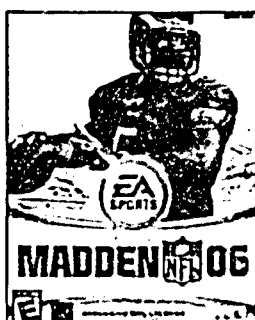
Marshall Faulk 2003
Suffered an ankle injury the next season and his career was never the same. Faulk retired two seasons later.



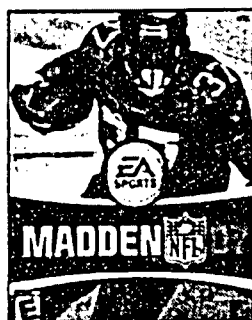
Michael Vick 2004
Broke his leg in a pre-season game the day after Madden 2004 was released. He was sidelined for the rest of the season.



Ray Lewis 2005
Ravens failed to make playoffs the next season. Lewis failed to intercept a pass and an injury forced him to miss the last game.



Ray Lewis 2006
Suffered a hernia in first game of 2006 and had season-ending surgery. Eagles finished 6-10 after making it to the Super Bowl in '05.



Shaun Alexander 2007
After winning the MVP last season, Alexander suffered a fractured left foot in the third game of the 2006 season. Has yet to return.

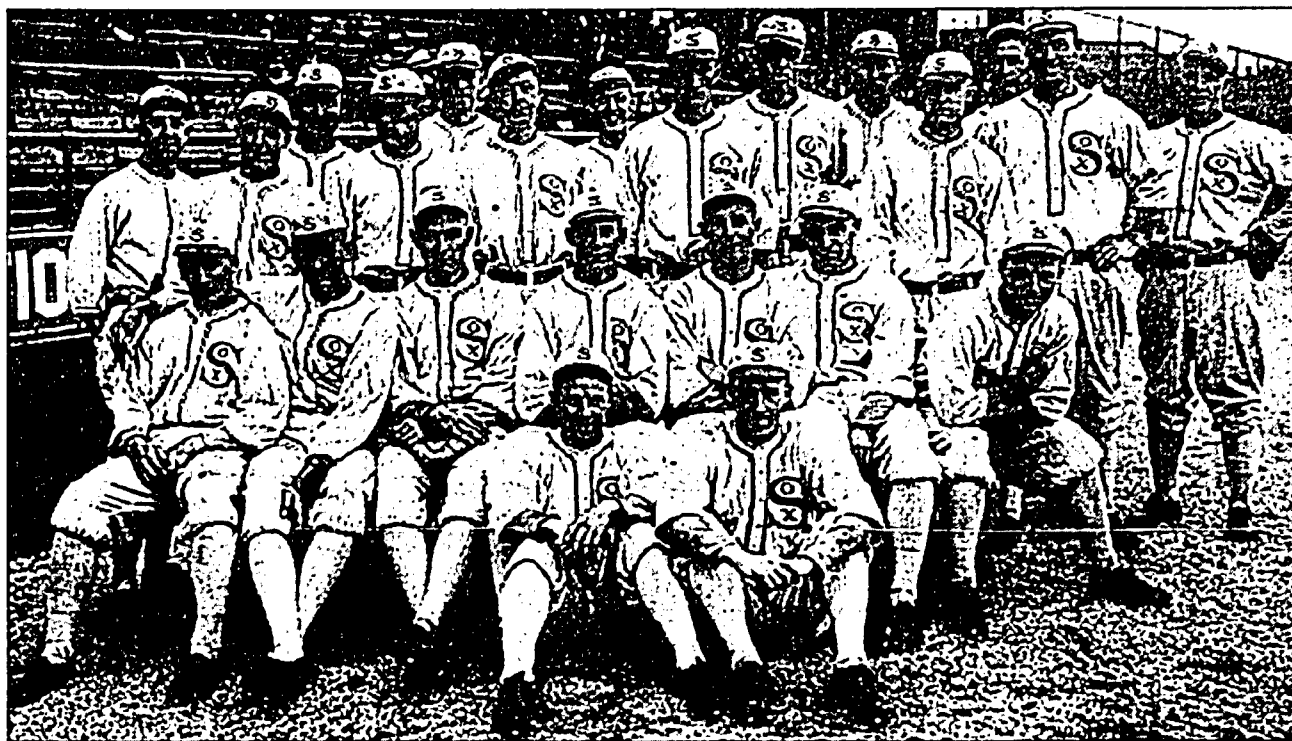


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The 1919 Chicago White Sox are known as one of the best teams ever assembled.

The curse of 'Shoeless' Joe's 1919 Black Sox

The 1919 World Series, won by the Cincinnati Reds, was overshadowed by eight members of the Chicago White Sox who were found guilty of throwing the series.

Sometimes referred to as the "Comiskey Curse" because of the way Charles Comiskey, owner of the White Sox, treated his players. Underpaid, the White Sox players were looking for money, as they were only paid a fraction of what their peers were, despite being the best team in baseball.

When the White Sox suffered a loss to the Reds in the World Series, suspicions began because the 1919 White Sox are known, even to this day, to have been one of the best teams ever.

White Sox star "Shoeless" Joe Jackson, along with teammates Eddie

Cicotte, Chick Gandil, Oscar Felsch, Fred McMullin, Swede Risberg, Buck Weaver and Claude Williams were all found guilty of throwing the World Series for money.

Jackson and Weaver were paid only \$6,000 a year, yet the average players on other teams were receiving \$10,000 or more.

In addition, Cicotte had a \$10,000 bonus written into his contract if he had a 30-win season. So when he was nearing that mark in the 1917 season, Comiskey ordered that Cicotte be benched so that Comiskey did not have to come up with the money. The players also received a smaller food allowance on road trips compared to other teams.

This reflected Comiskey's tightwad approach to money and the player's ha-

tred of him.

Gandil got the other players interested in this fix after talking with acquaintance and professional gambler "Sport" Sullivan.

This curse is so famous, "Eight Men Out" has become a popular book and was made into a movie in 1988.

None of the eight players ever played another Major League game because commissioner Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis banned them from the game.

Despite the best efforts of many of the players, especially Weaver, none of the players was ever reinstated.

The suffering ended last season when the White Sox won the World Series for the first time since 1917, breaking the 88-year curse.

Billy Goat

In 1945, Vasili Sianis a tavern owner in Chicago, had two tickets to the 1945 World Series featuring the Chicago Cubs and Detroit Tigers. Sianis decided to use his second ticket for his billy goat, Murphy.

When he was thrown out of the game by Cubs owner Philip Knight Wrigley for the billy goat's objectionable odor, Sianis cursed the Cubs, saying they would never win another National League pennant or play in another World Series game at Wrigley Field.

After the Cubs ended up losing to the Tigers, Sianis allegedly wrote Wrigley a letter that said, "Who stinks now?"

Since then, the Cubs have not won a National League pennant though they have come close.

One of the most famous incidents that was a part of the curse was thanks to a name that will live forever in Cubs history: Steve Bartman.

In 2003, the Cubs were five outs away from the World Series, holding a 3-0 lead in Game 6 of the NLCS over the Florida Marlins, up three games to two. With one out in the eighth inning, Florida's Luis Castillo hit a high fly ball into the stands. Cubs outfielder Moses Alou tried to make a play on the ball, but Bartman reached over the bleachers and caught the ball, right above Alou's outstretched glove.

With another chance, Castillo walked and the Cubs unraveled. Cubs shortstop Alex Gonzalez (who led all NL shortstops in fielding percentage) bobbled the ball and the bases were loaded. The Marlins went on to score seven runs in the inning and won the series in the seventh game.

To this day, the curse lives on.



MURPHY

Sports Illustrated

The Sports Illustrated cover jinx has numerous examples extending back to the very first issue. On Aug. 16, 1954, SI featured Eddie Matthews on the very first cover. Exactly one week later, Matthews suffered a hand injury that forced him to miss seven games. Through 2002, SI featured 86 different jinxes. Here are some famous examples:

- From 1956-1960, Carin Cone was undefeated in the 100-meter backstroke but finished second in the race after she was featured on the SI cover and failed to qualify for the Olympics.

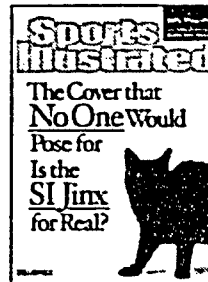
- The 1970 Texas Longhorns football team went 11-0 and was on a 30-game winning streak before appearing on the cover of SI. Texas lost their next game 24-11 to Notre Dame, fumbling nine times.

- In 1989, Wayne Gretzky was one game away from breaking the all-time record for consecutive games with an assist in the NHL when featured on the SI cover. Gretzky failed to get an assist in the next game.

- Nike CEO Phil Knight was featured in 1993. One month later, Nike stocks plummeted, the six-year streak of record earnings ended, hundreds of employees were laid-off and 37 high schoolers were found ineligible after they had taken part in Nike's hospitality.

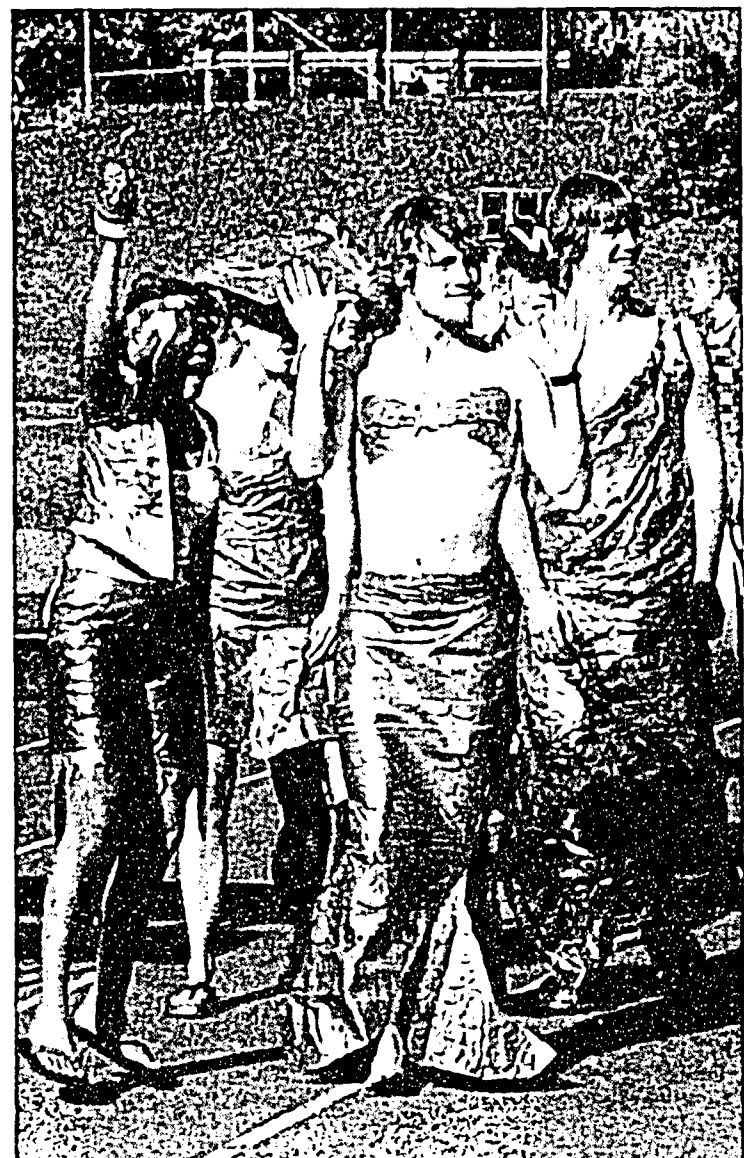
- 1995, Mo Vaughn was on the cover of the Baseball Playoff Preview issue. Vaughn went 0 for 14 in the Cleveland Indians' sweep of Vaughn's Boston Red Sox.

- In 2002, SI featured Michael Jordan on the cover. The next day his wife filed for divorce.



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WHITpics



TOP: Members of the homecoming royalty cheer for their respective dorms during halftime at the Homecoming football game last Saturday. Whitworth won the game 70-3.
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MIDDLE LEFT: Students play poker during Casino Night last Saturday.
Alyssa Jones Whitworthian

MIDDLE RIGHT: Senior and Boppell royalty representative Denise Randle takes a break in the pizza eating contest held last Wednesday at lunch.
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FAR LEFT: Homecoming royalty struts in the duct tape fashion show during

halftime at the football game last Saturday.
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MIDDLE: Freshmen and Duvall royalty representatives Craig Harris and Kayli Hoogstraal encourage the crowd during halftime.
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IMMEDIATE LEFT: Sophomore and Warren royalty representative Kyle Brooksher pumps up the crowd during halftime.
Nate Chase Whitworthian

ABOVE: Senior Megan Johnson skates around the rink during Senior Skate Night last Thursday.
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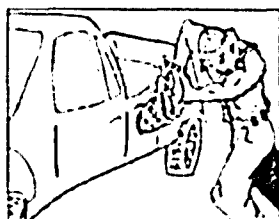
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Thomas Robinson/Whitworthian

Senior art major Lindsey Maloney cleans the metal plates for her printmaking class in the Fine Arts Building Sunday.

Art department meets setback



A sketch of the proposed visual arts building for which construction is targeted to begin by June 1 of next year.

Fundraising pitfalls, rising costs lead to cuts in size, scope of proposed visual arts building

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Staff writers

Plans for the future visual arts building may experience setbacks due to an unexpected increase in needed space and construction costs.

In an Oct. 13 meeting, the Board of Trustees rejected a proposed \$7.8 million budget to construct the new building. The original projected expenses totaled \$4 million, which the college had been in the position to cover.

The increase of expenses was due to raised costs for construction, which brought the building cost to \$300 per square foot, and an increase in the planned square footage.

The new building was originally estimated 22,000 to 23,000 square feet, which has now been cut to 20,000 square feet, Tom Johnson, vice president of business affairs, said.

The Board of Trustees asked the finance committee to resubmit the plan to the building's architects, requesting a \$6.5 million revised budget.

"We are sensitive to what the needs are ... but we are wrestling with the whole five-year strategic plan," said Ray Lawton, finance committee chairman, in reference to the college's gradual improvement strategy. "The other projects

are just as important as this project."

The Board called for the college to have sufficient funds by March 1, 2007, in order to keep the building construction on schedule.

Ideally, construction would begin June 1 of next year for use in 2008. This scenario seems unlikely given the current "budget challenge," Johnson said.

The college currently has available, through gifts and donations, \$4.2 million and is seeking donors to cover the remaining needs.

"The college's advancement department is actively engaged in soliciting donations, and they're optimistic that the money will be raised," Johnson said.

One way to lower the budget is to cut the proposed third story of the building, which would have held faculty offices, and move offices to the second story.

Vice president of academic affairs Michael Le Roy expressed concern over the lack of space for the visual arts department in future years.

"This building meets the needs of the art program, but I fear that significant cuts in the building may compromise the building's ability to grow as the college grows," Le Roy said.

The new building would feature four studios and two mixed-medium rooms for computer graphic design, Johnson said.

Construction of new building only a start for Art department to meet students' larger needs

Karin Portenkirchner
Staff writer

The Arts department at Whitworth has needs that go beyond the construction of a new visual arts building. Some Art majors feel that their department lacks recognition as well as money.

The significance of the Art department at Whitworth is not as high as it should be, Graphics Design major and sophomore Kristina Adams said. In her opinion, art makes an important contribution to humanity and to the liberal arts. Christian liberal arts colleges seem to regard the arts as not that necessary, Adams said.

"It leaves the arts out in the cold. It's sad because we have a lot of promising talents at Whitworth," Adams said.

Clayton Walters agrees that other departments get a higher priority at Whitworth. He was an Art major at Whitworth for two years. He had to leave due to financial reasons and is now working to earn money to go to another art school.

"Other departments get a lot more attention. This might be because of student's interests," Walters said.

The lack of money is what frustrates Adams.

"Whitworth kind of tries to support the arts, but there could be more done, especially more funding," Adams said.

For her the biggest problem is the Fine Arts Building and the facilities.

"In painting you are exposed to dangerous chemicals, and we don't have a proper ventilation system, which is kind of unsafe," Adams said.

Associate professor of art Gordon Wilson contracted cancer from chemicals and fumes due to poor ventilation a few years ago. He is now completely recovered.

A new visual arts building is due to be built starting June 1, 2007, but currently this project has problems with funding, said Tom Johnson, vice president of business affairs.

Aur lie Brault, a French exchange student, is an art major with an emphasis in printmaking and photography.

For her, the biggest difference is that she has to buy her own printmaking tools and supplies, Brault said. In France, they are provided by the university.

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College lacks minorities

Admissions struggles to achieve goal

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According to the 10-Day Report, minority students on campus constitute 10.5 percent of currently enrolled students.

A committee of administrators addressed key goals of the school in last year's Strategic Plan. The plan outlines the school's goals and how they plan to meet them.

Enrollment, international students, minority students, intercultural curriculum and building projects are all addressed by the Strategic Plan.

The plan started in the mid-1980s when Whitworth facilities were lacking quality and the recruitment of students was unclear.

According to the Strategic Plan, a benchmark goal is to "achieve and maintain a 15 percent ethnic-minor-

ity enrollment of the entering freshman class."

Whitworth has not achieved this goal yet, but dean of enrollment services, Fred Pfursich is optimistic.

Pfursich explained the 10.5 percent statistic.

"This figure does not include students who classify themselves as 'other,' 'unknown' or 'international'—if you include all these categories the percentage is 14.1 percent," Pfursich said. "Reaching the goal of 15 percent will not be easy but applications from ethnic minority students are up 44 percent from 2 years ago and so we are optimistic."

In 2006, the highest number of enrolled freshmen students came from Washington, Oregon, California and Idaho. Two hundred eighty-nine students were from Washington, 41 from Oregon, 39 from California and 29 from Idaho.

Demographically, the four states are home to a combined 89.12 percent Caucasian population.

"We recruit primarily in Colorado, Arizona, Minne-



A SERIES EXAMINING THOSE WHO DO NOT COME TO WHITWORTH

sota, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, California, Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Nevada and Texas," Pfursich said.

He added that the Internet and other electronic communication has made it more feasible to reach students in other places.

To create an intercultural campus and make minority and international students feel more welcome, the plan provides for formation of an intercultural committee.

In terms of intercultural relations, the plan outlines four goals: creation of an intercultural campus; creation of a welcoming climate and learning community; creation of an intercultural curriculum; and involving the community in advancement towards these goals.

Last year, an ASWC action team created a new position, the Cultural Events Coordinator, to promote cultural appreciation. The Cultural Events Coordinator is responsible for heading the Multicultural Awareness Council to deal with cultural issues affecting students.

Assistant dean for programming, Esther Louie, noted that before coming to Whitworth, she had worked at two prior institutions that only focused on the number of minority students that they attracted. Little was done to create an environment welcoming to the students.

"I think more importantly, is what we are doing here [at Whitworth], to provide an environment that is supportive to the students once they arrive," Louie said.

Though Whitworth may be striving for an open and understanding community, the Spokane area does not have a history of welcoming ethnic minorities.

"One of the challenges that Whitworth faces is being in a region that has

a very low percentage overall of a non-Caucasian population," Pfursich said. "The region has not been perceived as good for ethnic minorities."

While Whitworth focuses on attracting more students of ethnic minorities, work to create an intercultural curriculum is still in progress.

"I think the problem is that a lot of people around campus have different ideas what an intercultural curriculum is," said professor of English Doug Sugano. "Definitions vary from 'talking about the world' in its most general terms to giving students a deep understanding of other cultures."

Pfursich noted that including individuals of ethnic minorities on admissions staff helps Whitworth attract a greater number of minority students.

"I think the fact that we have more diversity and more students of color than we did 5, 6, 7, 8 years ago shows that we are committed to recruiting students from diverse backgrounds," Pfursich said.

Administrators proceed without approval

De Andra Kenoly
Staff writer

Administrators are reviewing solutions to installing cable in dorm lounges without student approval of paying the ongoing costs.

In a story from the Oct. 3 issue of the "The Whitworthian," Dick Mandeville, associate dean of students, was quoted to have said, "Last year student government said they would pay for the ongoing expenses."

Although Mandeville initially said the meeting did take place, it is not recorded in the ASWC meeting minutes from last year.

Mandeville said it was not a formal meeting, which was why it was not recorded.

Dayna Coleman Jones, assistant director of student activities, who sat in on the meeting, confirmed this.

"It was an informal inquiry. The group was asked if they would be willing to pay a small monthly fee to get cable into their dorms," Coleman said.

Mandeville said it was an agreement between himself and former ASWC president Jeff Hunter.

Current Duvall senator Seth Wall said he did not remember discussing paying for the ongoing costs for cable.

Arend senator Katie Zerkel, who served as an Arend representative last year, agrees.

"I don't ever remember discussing cable costs," Zerkel said.

The school is planning on taking action to get cable installed in the dorms.

"We are proceeding with the belief that more students than not would support this," said Mandeville.

Whitworth is beginning to research three cable options: Com-

cast, an experimental system from Cisco and a satellite dish system. School officials do not know how much installation for these methods would cost.

"Hopefully we can get some hard and fast quotes," said Ken Pecka, director of instructional resources.

Whitworth has contacted Comcast to get an estimate on how much it would cost to get cable connection.

"Comcast did give us a quote originally for installing the cable that needs to run between the buildings," Pecka said.

It was later discovered the cable could not be used in the existing conduit system installed in the buildings. In order to have the cable installed, contractors would have to dig up the existing conduit system and replace it with one that is compatible with the cables. A

quote for this has not been done yet.

"Now that we have dug a little deeper, we need to have that redesigned by them," Pecka said.

The next option is to try a new media system. Digital Media Manager, a product by Cisco Systems, Inc., allows TV signals to be transferred over the data network.

"Through viewers on your computer you could receive a channel that is being broadcast through this 'TV over the IP network' distribution," Pecka said.

The school will be trying this option even if it is not what they end up going with. The institution is also looking into the option of installing a satellite dish on each of the dorms, Pecka said.

"The dish is maybe cost-wise more reasonable and we could do it in a faster implementation," Pecka said.

Whitworth Speaks OUT

"As soon as Barbara Walters runs for office, I'll vote."



Graham Monteleone
Junior

"If you don't vote, you can't complain."



Shawna McNally
Freshman

Should we vote and why?



Alyson Shaffer
Sophomore

"My boyfriend didn't vote and my dad got pissed."



L.J. Lomas
Sophomore

"I think we should vote, but not if it's all women candidates."

— Compiled by Hannah Whitsel



Alyssa Jones/Whitworthian

Pink flags display the names of cancer survivors, battlers and victims on the Hello Walk last week. The event was sponsored by the Colleges Against Cancer club to raise awareness about cancer on campus.

Flags show affects of cancer

Names adorn flags to bring awareness to cancer detection

Bethany Hergert
Staff writer

Pink flags with the names of breast cancer survivors, battlers and victims lined the Hello Walk this past week to commemorate Breast Cancer Awareness month. The Colleges Against Cancer club and the medics each held a "Pink Day" to raise awareness on campus about cancer.

"I think sometimes young people feel that they are immune to cancer," said junior Amanda Smith, president of Cancer Awareness Club. "The key is early detec-

tion and that should start when you are young and healthy so you can continue to have a healthy life."

Last week, for CAC's Pink Day, club members handed out over 60 yards of pink ribbons, allowing people to make pink ribbon flags to honor those who have won, lost or are still fighting a battle with breast cancer.

"I liked the visual representations of family near our community that are fighting breast cancer," participant and senior Jeanine Douglass said.

Sodexo contributed by making pink cookies, as well as allowing CAC to decorate the tables with pink balloons and table tents.

For last Wednesday's Pink Day, the medics sold pink bracelets for \$2 to benefit a local breast cancer support group, as well as encouraging everyone to wear pink as

a show of support and remembrance.

"There are many students who have friends and family members that have suffered from breast cancer, and it's important to recognize that," senior lead medic Krystal Newman said.

In November, CAC will be participating in the thirtieth annual Great American Smoke-out, a American Cancer Society sponsored event that aims to get smokers to vow to not smoke for 24 hours in hopes that it will last forever.

In the spring, CAC will be organizing Relay for Life, a fundraiser where teams gather pledges for walking the track all night long to symbolize the fact that cancer never sleeps, so neither will they.

Information was given out to

passers-by in hopes that education will be the first step in conquering the disease.

"I found Pink Day beneficial because it raised awareness about breast cancer," freshman participant Kayli Hoogestraat said. "It provided an opportunity to share information, to learn more about prevention and to bond together to support each other."

Both CAC and the medics feel it is important for college students to be educated about the dangers of cancer and the value of early detection.

"I would hope that more people are conscious of early detection of cancer," Smith said. "I also would hope that this will also make people remember those people in their lives that are fighting cancer and will keep them in our thoughts and prayers."

Professor appointed to ethics board by governor

Tracey Brown
Staff writer

Washington Governor Christine Gregoire appointed Kyle Usrey, dean of the school of global commerce and management, to the Washington State Executive Ethics Board.

Usrey is the only citizen-at-large on the five member board. He began his five-year term Oct. 1.

In her letter to Usrey, Gregoire said, "The public sets high standards for us, and if we want to maintain their trust and support, we must always meet or exceed those standards. That means we have to serve with the highest ethical principals."

One of Usrey's first cases involved an investigation of Gregoire's misuse of public property for political functions.

Gregoire auctioned off a dinner at the governor's mansion to raise money for a Democratic congressional candidate.

Usrey could not comment on the case, but Gregoire has moved the dinner to a restaurant since the ethics complaint was filed.

"The governor recognized the fact that I am a dean at a Christian college and then made her appointment."

Kyle Usrey,
Dean of the School of Global
Commerce and Management

The Executive Ethics Board is "designed to apply and interpret the ethics code which applies to all state officials from the governor, down to the state universities, and everything in between, except the legislature," Usrey said.

The executive board listens to evidence, has subpoena power and makes decisions that can include imposing monetary sanctions on those who violate the ethics code. The board can also make rules for interpretation of the code and can issue opinions of safe harbor ethical practices.

When asked whether Usrey thought the fact that he is a Christian was a factor in his ap-

pointment, he said, "The governor recognized the fact that I am a dean at a Christian college and then made her appointment. We did not have a conversation about Christianity, but I think it is clear who I work for and what worldview I have."

Usrey said it was his background, training and experience that most likely landed him the appointment.

In addition to his position at Whitworth, Usrey is an ethics counselor for international companies and nongovernmental organizations around the world.

"I've taught, written about and researched ethics. I'm an ethics/legal counselor and I don't have a particular political agenda," Usrey said.

Usrey said serving on the board will both raise the visibility of Whitworth in Olympia and help inform his scholarship and teaching at the School of Global Commerce and Management.

"I would not have received this position if not for the fact that I work for a great place such as Whitworth College," Usrey said.

World BRIEFS

Users to receive added features from Microsoft

Next month, Microsoft will begin delivering Internet Explorer 7, or IE7, to Windows XP users who have signed up to automatically receive security fixes. IE7 adds features such as tabbed browsing, which lets people open several Web pages without cluttering their desktop with multiple open browser windows.

The company also claims it is more secure. Microsoft will be offering IE7 as a free download at microsoft.com/ie.

Threat posed to stadiums ends up a hoax

Last Wednesday, authorities in New York, Miami, Atlanta, Seattle, Houston, Cleveland and Oakland, were alerted to Internet threats of "dirty bomb" attacks at NFL stadiums.

The information on the Web site was viewed with skepticism, and the FBI and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security said there was no intelligence indicating such an attack might be imminent. The threats, which were posted on a Web site last week and mentioned stadiums in seven U.S. cities, were deemed to be false by the FBI.

Muslim teacher loses claim of discrimination

A Muslim classroom assistant, suspended by a school for wearing a veil in lessons, has lost her claim of religious discrimination.

A tribunal dismissed the claims of Aishah Azmi, 24, who filed for religious discrimination and harassment on religious grounds. British prime minister Tony Blair also backed the Kirklees Council, which suspended the classroom assistant for refusing to remove her full face veil at school.

Azmi was not wearing a veil when she interviewed for the job. Azmi was awarded 1,100 pounds for victimization. Her lawyer plans to appeal to a higher court.

Episcopal bishop to bless gay unions in Conn.

The leader of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut, Bishop Andrew D. Smith, authorized priests to bless same-sex unions during religious ceremonies last Sunday. The move may alienate the conservative wing of the church.

— Compiled by
Megan Rieger

Campus BRIEFS

Warren worship open to all on every Sunday

The Warren worship team hosts worship every Sunday night at 7 p.m. This event is open to all students and is located in the Warren lounge.

For more information contact David Kuraya at dkuraya10@whitworth.edu.

Speaker to give lecture on topic of second book

Dr. Jennifer Roback-Morse will be giving a lecture on the topic of her second book: *Life Long Love in a Hook-Up World* this Wednesday. The event begins at 12:30 p.m. at the Rendezvous Event Facility at 1003 E. Trent Ave.

Morse taught economics at Yale and George Mason Universities and is a research fellow at the Action Institute for Religion and Liberty. She suggests that a free society can only be sustained by families grounded in self-giving love.

To make a reservation call Priscilla at 509-465-0362.

Flu shots will be available through Health Center

Whitworth community members can receive a flu shot in the Health Center. The Flu shot is not available to Whitworth at this time. It is available at the Spokane Regional Health District or at Savon Pharmacy on Indian Trail, the cost is \$35.

The cost for a flu shot is \$15 per dose and can be charged to student accounts.

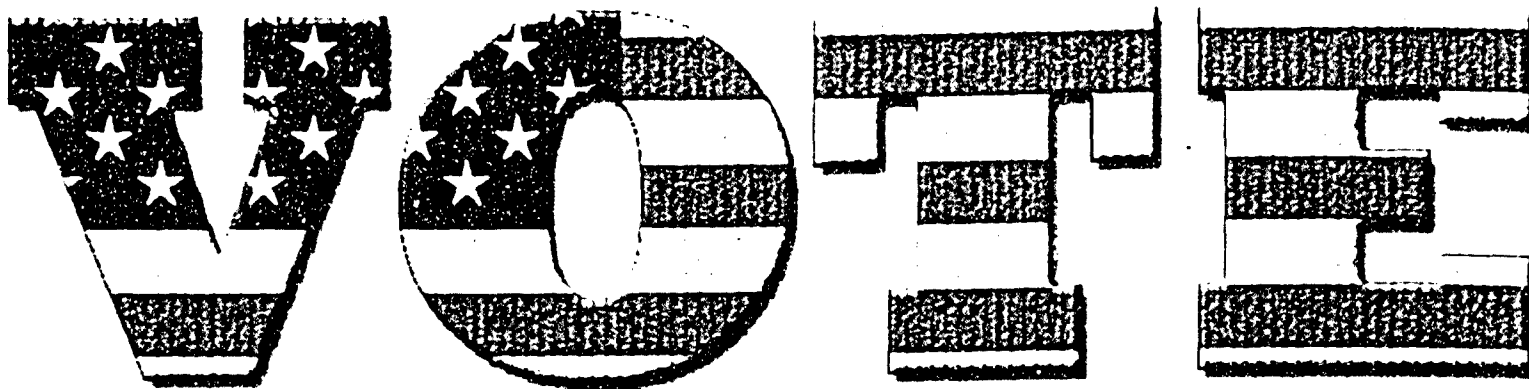
The charge for faculty and staff is the same, but cash or check is required.

The Health Center is open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Wednesday and Friday; and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Fall break starts this Friday for all students

There will be no classes starting Friday, Oct. 27 until Monday, Oct. 30. Classes will resume at 5 p.m. that Monday.

Students will be allowed to remain on campus. Sodexo will be opened for limited hours. An e-mail detailing the hours will be sent out this week.



A guide to voting in Washington state

Rosa Gibbons
Staff writer

The Whitworthian has compiled information on state and local ballot measures, initiatives and candidates to provide a starting place to help you understand what is on the 2006 mid-term election ballot. For further information, visit www.votespokane.org.

✓ PROPOSITIONS

Proposition No. 1 SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Advisory Vote

Proposition No. 2 SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Advisory Vote

Proposition No. 1 CITY OF SPOKANE
City Charter Amendment

Proposition No. 1 CENTRAL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 356

Capital Improvement and School Construction General Obligation Bonds - \$75,757,000

Proposition No. 1 DEER PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 414
Redistricting Measure

✓ BALLOT

State Representatives

District 3 Position 1
Alex Wood, D
Laura D Carder, R

District 4 Position 2
Ed Foote, D
Lynn Schindler, R

District 6 Position 1
Don A Barlow, D
John W Serben, R

District 6 Position 2
Barbara Lampert, D
John E Ahern, R

District 7 Position 1
Jack Miller, D
Bob Sump, R

District 9 Position 1
Caitlin Ross, D
Steve Hailey, R

County positions

County Commissioner, District 3
Bonnie Mager, D
Phil Harris, R

County Assessor
Judy Personett, D
Ralph Baker, R

County Auditor
Vicky M. Dalton, D
Mike Volz, R

County Prosecuting Attorney
Bob Caruso, D
Steve Tucker, R

County Sheriff
James Flavel, D
Ozzie D. Knezovich, R

County Treasurer
D. E. Skip Chilberg, D
Bob Wrigley, R

✓ THE INITIATIVES AND THE ARGUMENTS

Renewable Energy: Initiative 937

Issue:

Initiative 937 would require electric utilities with over 25,000 customers or more to get 15 percent of the energy they sell from renewable energy sources (excluding hydropower) by 2020.

Argument for:

Reducing the use of fossil fuels protects the environment and our health.

Studies indicate I-937 will lead to long-term savings on electricity.

Buying energy from small energy projects will help rural families.

Argument against:

It is uncertain how much it will cost manufacturers using large amounts of electricity.

Hydropower will not count as renewable energy.

It is uncertain how manufacturers who already get most of their energy from renewable sources will be affected.

Death Tax: Initiative 920

Issue:

Initiative 920 would prohibit all death, inheritance and estate taxes in the state of Washington. The money collected from these taxes currently goes to the Education Legacy Trust.

Argument for:

Estate taxes make Washington less attractive to industry and wealth, which has the potential to limit economic growth.

Some family businesses are hurt by the estate tax.

It is morally wrong to impose a tax on death.

Argument against:

Only estates worth over \$2 million (\$4 million for couples) are taxed; only the wealthiest, less than 1 percent of Washington residents, are affected.

Education will lose funds.

Good planning will prevent any problems created by the estate tax.

Property Values: Initiative 933

Issue:

Initiative 933 would require the government to document certain factors before carrying out regulations on private property. Property owners could request compensation for loss of property value, up to 10 years in the past.

Argument for:

The government should take into account how regulations will affect property owners before carrying them out.

Individuals should have more control over their own property and should be compensated when government regulations devalue their property.

Argument against:

Taxpayers will have to either pay for property owners' or waive regulations.

Property owners will have to live with neighbors' unregulated property, and it will undercut years of work to improve cities and protect the environment.

✓ MAJOR LOCAL CANDIDATES AND THEIR PLATFORMS

U.S. Senate



Maria Cantwell, D
Platforms: Supports clean energy alternatives and America's energy independence; supports commerce
For more information: cantwell.senate.gov



Mike McGavick, R
Platforms: Supports stricter border security and immigration policies; supports tax cuts
For more information: Mikemcgavick.com

U.S. House of Representatives



Peter J. Goldmark, D
Platforms: Supports energy independence and tax cuts
For more information: Votejgoldmark.com



Cathy McMorris, R
Platforms: Promotes job creation and economic growth; supports improving health care through tort reform
For more information: McMorris.house.gov

State Senate District 6



Chris Marr, D
Platforms: Supports affordable health care and quality education
For more information: www.votechrismarr.com/



Brad Benson, R
Platforms: Promotes more jobs and quality education
For more information: <http://www1.leg.wa.gov/Senate/SRC/Senators/benson.htm>

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Voting GUIDE

FOR WASHINGTON

✓ Register no later than 15 days (Oct. 23, 2006) before the election at the Elections Office (no later than 30 days before election if registering online).

✓ Mail-in ballot will be sent to address on your voter registration (should be a permanent address).

✓ Ballots must be postmarked by the day of the election (Nov. 7) or dropped off at one of the Voting Service Centers which are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day only.

— Compiled by
Jessica Davis

NEEDS: Students highlight department weaknesses beyond fundraising

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or art school, Brault said.

"Here, [the teachers] always seem to save the ink. You realize that [the Art department] cannot have a lot of money," Brault said.

In France, students have much more freedom in their work and plenty of time for the projects, Brault said. Usually a project is assigned for a longer period of time, for example for a few months or even for a whole semester.

"Here the teacher follows you every week and looks at what you have done," Brault said.

On the other hand the final evaluation in French art schools or universities is sharper, Brault said.

"No one is afraid to say what they really think and [the teachers] can be really mean because they think you will learn more,"

Brault said.

As a consequence students try hard and put a lot of effort into their projects because they do not want to disgrace themselves with poor work, Brault said.

"At Whitworth it seems the teachers are kind of afraid to criticize," Brault said.

In her opinion this does not get students to strive as hard as they could.

Adams agrees teachers can be light on criticism. However, she is encouraged that the Art department has started a new grading system this semester which makes it harder for students to get top-grades, Adams said.

"The teachers give a lot of advice and strive really hard to be there for us," Adams said.

"At Whitworth it seems the teachers are kind of afraid to criticize."

Aurèle Brault,
French exchange student

This was one of the things Walters particularly valued about Whitworth.

"The teachers here are absolutely awesome and you can learn a lot of things from them," Walters said.

Another point of criticism is the focus of the Art department.

"Art at Whitworth is not as liberal as it could be," Adams said.

Students here are more sheltered from the crazy, postmodern way of doing things and are instead encouraged to focus on the classical way of doing things, Adams said.

"This keeps important ideas away," Adams said.

Furthermore, the location of Spokane is not ideal for the arts, Adams said. The city tries to keep everyone in contact but art is

not the first priority.

"You feel disconnected here," Adams said.

Brault agrees to that. For an art school or university the surroundings are very important, Brault said.


"I don't expect so much of Whitworth because Spokane already is a cultural desert," Brault said.

The lack of inspiration for artists on Whitworth campus is what troubles Walters more.

"Artists need more than pinecones and chipmunks," Walters said.

The school should do something to make Whitworth a more aesthetically pleasing place, Walters said. A start could be a new Fine Arts building which is both functional and aesthetic.

"Students should be inspired just by the architecture of the building to create fascinating art themselves," Walters said.



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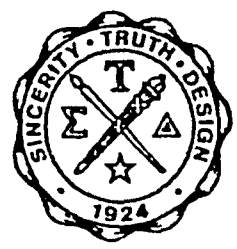
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IN THE LOOP

An editorial

Students shackled by voter apathy

In 2004, Washington had one of the closest gubernatorial races in history. After two recounts, the second by hand, Democrat Christine Gregoire, came out on top by a meager 129 votes.

The scary part about this small number of votes is not that it was so close, but which population made this decision for governor. Across the United States, 72 percent of people 55 and older voted in 2004, while only 47 percent of people 18 to 24 years old cast a vote that year.

There are two major problems with this discrepancy. One: Because older people are the most reliable voters, they get what they want. They vote for things that will benefit them, so essentially the decision-making for the state and the country is in their hands. This leads to the second problem.

Secondly, since people in the college-aged demographic do not vote, politicians do not cater to their interests. This is problematic because older people are not necessarily in touch with issues such as the need for more education funding, so students are neglected. Last year on the federal level, the United States passed the "Higher Education Reconciliation Act of 2005." This act, widely ignored by young voters, locked federal educational loan interest rates at 6.8 for Stafford loans and 8.5 percent for Parent Plus loans. The interest rate had previously been 2.88 percent, an all-time low. If students had voted en-masse, this act would not have passed and educational loan rates would still be far lower than they are now.

So, now that you are a registered voter, go online and read about the four ballot measures for the state of Washington. Use your voting power and take charge of your life as a citizen of the United States of America.

Art building cuts are troublesome

The Art department's recent growth and prestige only punctuates its need for a new facility. However, the future needs of the Art department are being sacrificed because of the current funding crisis.

While the original budget for the new art building was \$4 million, the budget fluctuated to \$7.8 million as the floor plan expanded to accommodate the planned Art department growth. The budget was slimmed down to \$6.5 million when the trustees decided that the price tag was too high — in process cutting around 3,000 square feet of office, storage and classroom space.

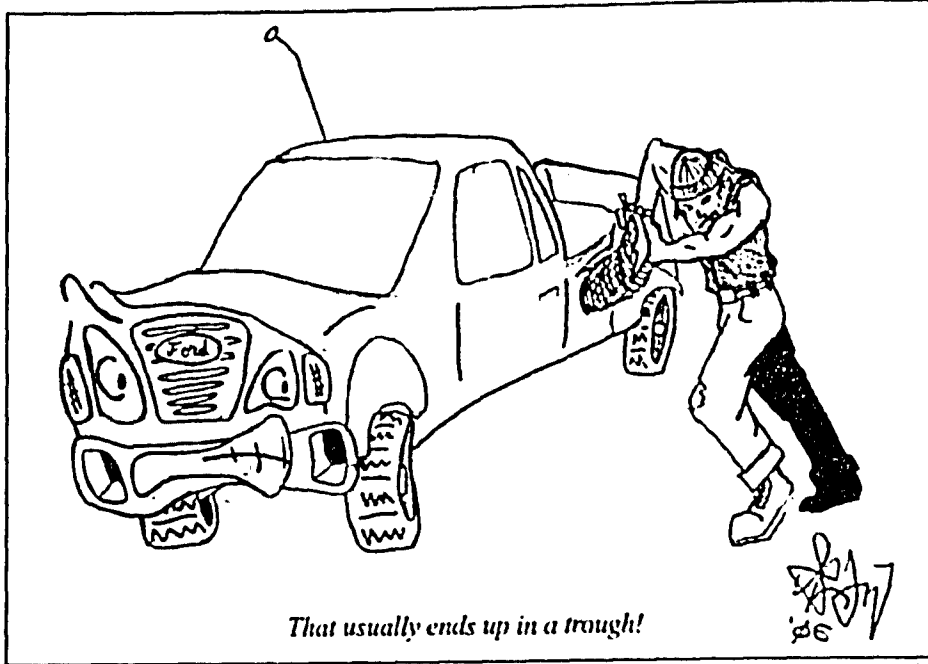
Currently, the focus of administrators may be too narrow. They are forcing the issue to stay on track in order to complete the strategic plan by 2010.

In rushing this process, administrators will miss the bigger picture, only to begin fund-raising and addressing the needs of the science departments after rushing to finish an under-funded art building. What could very well happen is a repeat of Weyerhaeuser Hall, which reached its capacity in office space in more than one department from its completion.

The visual arts are a fundamental piece to the liberal arts. These cuts will not only hurt the current needs of faculty and students, but will be detrimental to the future of the department as well as the school as it continues its yearly growth.

Whitworth cannot afford to neglect the fine arts. Cutting space in the upcoming visual arts building will do just that.

"In the Loop," written by the editorial board, represents the editorial voice of *The Whitworthian*.



Courtesy of Sean Burke

E85 failing in American auto industry



PETER
BURKE
Opinions
Editor

Ford, DaimlerChrysler and GMC, America's big three automakers, are in a world of hurt and there are no quick fixes. Ford and GMC have closed plants in the United States and all three have been forced to cut production because demand for their gas-guzzling vehicles has diminished as gas prices have risen. On top of this, insurance costs and pensions have hurt companies even more than the lean times in sales. Thousands of retired employees are living off substantial pensions while health care costs continue to skyrocket. We can hardly blame the automakers then for their demise ... or can we?

Ford, especially, underestimated the public's perception of the global warming issue and its relation to gas consumption and prices. "Built Ford Tough" has been the company's motto for years, but the people who are "tough," the blue collar workers, are disappearing as factories continue to move off-shore. There are still millions of people who are willing to buy a big truck and spend dollars on gas, but I would argue America is softening up. People are commuting to or living in cities and becoming more educated on the potential global warming threat. Not only are they looking at the economics of driving

a gas-guzzler, but they are concerned with the environmental impacts as well.

The rising gas prices and the realization that oil, foreign and domestic, will not last forever, has pushed automakers worldwide to start looking at alternative forms of energy. In Europe, a number of auto companies are working on hydrogen engines. Honda and Toyota have embraced, and are perfecting, hybrid gas-electric engine technology. Biodiesel is an up-and-coming fuel made of plant oils. Unfortunately, the big three in the United States have taken to E85, a mix of 15 percent gasoline and 85 percent ethanol. Ethanol is oil made from sugarcane or corn and has a higher octane rating than gasoline. The big three are selling Flexible-Fuel Vehicles (FFV's) that can run on either ethanol or gasoline.

Ethanol is not the answer to our diminishing fuel crisis, no matter what American automakers and the U.S. government tell us. A recent "Consumer Reports" study found that FFV's pollute less but burn fuel faster. They tested a Chevy Tahoe FFV and found that, when filled with normal gasoline, it would get 440 miles per tank. When the same vehicle was filled with E85, it got 300 miles on a full tank. One hundred and forty miles is quite a discrepancy, one which the American public is not happy about. Even though there are about four million FFV's on America's roads today, most are running on gasoline rather than E85.

E85 sells for \$3.22 per gallon in

Richland, Wash., the home of one of the six E85 stations in the state. This price is too high for what you get. Why would us consumers purchase E85 for \$3.22 per gallon when we are getting 20 or even 30 percent less mileage from each fill up? Not only do you have to fill-up more often, but it costs more each time. On top of this fact, the more often you fill-up, the more gas you are burning. So in fact, we are not actually reducing our reliance on oil as much as it may seem when looking at the 85:15 ratio.

The trap the American auto industry has fallen into is the belief that E85 is the answer. The government is pushing it as an innovation that it is environmentally friendly. It will help the economy and is the answer to our reliance on foreign oil. This will not be the case until Americans truly embrace E85 and use it as their main source of fuel, which is not economically feasible for the average person as long as E85 prices are higher than gasoline and as long as gasoline provides such an advantage in mileage-per-tank.

There is no easy solution to the American auto industries troubles. But at some point they must develop some kind of engine or vehicle that will outperform Asian vehicles in conservation, cost and efficiency so the American people can feel pride in Ford, GMC and DaimlerChrysler once again.

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Swedish corruption shakes government

JUSTIN
LINDBORG
Writer



If Sweden's Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt thought the nation's transfer to new administrative leadership would be effortless, he must be very disappointed with the recent turn of events. Since the new coalition took office on Oct. 6, three of its ministers have admitted to various forms of tax-evasion and employing household help without going through the proper tax authorities. Two of the ministers, Cecilia Stego Chilo and Maria Borelius, have resigned as a result of surfacing scandals. The third, Anders Borg, has admitted to employing a housekeeper "under the table" but does not intend to resign. Borg is a

key advisor to Reinfeldt and one of the minds behind the newly elected party.

While crimes such as paying a housekeeper "under the table" do not seem to be major offenses in most countries, it is important to note that the dynamics of the culture are different in Sweden. The Reinfeldt administration's campaign was focused on the nation's "social model," which offers many social benefits while citizens pay higher taxes.

Reinfeldt's party, a center-right coalition, is the first party other than social democrats to be in power in Sweden in 12 years. Rather than starting the new administration positively, the three guilty ministers have proved by evading taxes that they do not truly believe raised taxes for social reform to be a realistic idea. For them to be guilty of tax-evasion is highly hypocritical and reflects

very negatively on the new administration's credibility.

Freshman Sofia Andersson, a Swedish foreign exchange student at Whitworth, clarified the issue, saying that while it is fairly normal for many citizens to employ household help without dealing with the hassle of notifying authorities, it is "a very bad thing for a politician to do it and have the media find out." She likened it to the Clinton-Lewinsky fiasco in that it is a larger scandal if a public figure is guilty of it than if an ordinary citizen is.

Another major thorn in Reinfeldt's side came in the form of statements from Borelius. Borelius claims that she and her husband could not have afforded a nanny without resorting to black market labor. This claim is outrageous and an affront to the Swedish people because the Borelius' recorded income for the time

in question is several times that of the average Swedish family's income.

All things considered, there is much that the newly-elected administration needs to improve on. In the short time they have been in power, they have lost the respect of the Swedish populace rather than gained it. Instead of shattering their image, they ought to be shining examples for the citizens they serve.

They would appear much more sincere in their motives if perhaps they did not disregard the taxes they as a party have pushed for. Unless the new administration can regain its credibility and demonstrate to the Swedish people that it is genuine in its intentions the coming term does not bode well.

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Opinions

Years of bad policy provide Korea with chance to change



**CHRISTOPHER
SETH FLORY**
Guest Writer

If seismic and atmospheric tests prove credible, North Korea has recently chartered membership into the club of nuclear armed nations. This, by popular standards, is a very undesirable reality. Unfortunately, following 10 years of disengagement, the power to mediate the situation is almost entirely out of U.S. hands.

Following signs that North Korea was preparing to withdraw from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, President Jimmy Carter, in 1994, traveled at the behest of the Clinton administration to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). Carter took this opportunity to broker the Agreed Framework, an executive promise to supply North Korea with light water reactors and petroleum on the guarantee that North Korea would abandon its nuclear program. With the OK of President Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, the Framework was signed on Oct. 21, 1994.

In the following years, both Albright and South Korean President Kim Dae-Jung made visits to the DPRK, in the vein of positive engagement with North Korean leader Kim Jong Il. Unfortunately for Korean-U.S. relations, 1996 saw the control

of Congress shift to the Republican Party. The new majority called the framework an act of "appeasement" and responded by delaying the funds needed to uphold the U.S. end of the agreement. Oil shipments were made late and under quota, while the construction of the light water reactors was never allowed to begin.

With the election of President George W. Bush, the Agreed Framework effectively dissolved. The administration declared the document invalid and by December 2002, oil shipments to North Korea ended. Having lost all incentives, North Korea withdrew from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty on Jan. 10, 2003. Bush, having offended the sensitive North Korean government with his January 2002 Axis of Evil declaration, was in no place to negotiate with Kim Jong Il. In fact, the administration refused to talk with North Korea directly and fought for six-party talks with the country. The administration was unwilling to break from its hardliner position long enough to make any concessions, and the multi-lateral negotiations broke down. North Korea withdrew from the talks and, in February of 2005, announced that it had manufactured nuclear weapons.

For a marginalized country like North Korea, nuclear weapons are the most effective and easily obtained form of deterrence. Whatever reasons there may be for deny-

ing North Korea the right to produce nuclear technology, it is not hard to understand why they would want to do so. The invasion of Iraq, following the rhetoric that categorized both North Korea and Iraq as rogue nations, leaves little doubt that the United States is willing to act on its fears.

Assistant professor of international relations Patrick Van Inwegen, surmises "In an ongoing conflict like this, the United States can either take advantage of the situation to solve the persistent causes [of the conflict] or maintain the status quo." If 10 years of hardliner politics failed to prevent this standoff, then it is obvious that a different approach is needed to allay the situation.

The United States does not have any significant economic bargaining power with North Korea.

"We can't deny them anything," Van Inwegen said. "We are not giving them anything which we can now take away."

Only China, Russia and South Korea provide significant aid to North Korea. For this reason, economist Thomas Friedman offered touting the power of Russia and China, through hard sanctions, to coerce North Korea's cooperation. Such sanctions could create an uncomfortable situation on the peninsula, even the collapse of Kim Jong Il's regime. Absorbing populations displaced by the collapse of the regime would be problematic but preferable to receiving

refugees from any possible war and certainly preferable to further nuclear proliferation.

Responsibility for ending the standoff could even be deferred to the United Nations. In January, South Korea's premier diplomat Ban Ki-Moon will replace Kofi Annan as Secretary General of the United Nations. Given South Korea's long standing policy of engagement with North Korea, Ban Ki-Moon has the rare opportunity to change international opinions regarding North Korea. If Ban Ki-Moon can implement a period of détente, perhaps North Korea can once again be brought back to the negotiation table.

Former President Carter, in a recent New York Times op-ed, asserted his belief that an agreement similar to the one he negotiated in 1994 could still work to defuse the situation. This time it must be North Korea's neighbors who bring about a desirable agreement. Preferably, an agreement backed by the United Nations. The role that Russia and China can play in this is critical, since they can offer an ultimatum to North Korea, enter into a positive accord or face sanctions. As for the United States, we need to humble ourselves, cut the abrasive rhetoric and accept the values of other nations in approaching peace.

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WHATif...

LOOKING AT THE
WORLD FROM A
NEW PERSPECTIVE

Electronic voting booths have a security problem?

Nathan Harrison
Staff Writer

In Robin Williams' current film "Man Of The Year," the results of an election are called into question by the malfunction of electronic voting machines provided by a company named Delacroy. Though an element of a comedy, this plot line is ripped from a very real possibility: Electronic voting machines provided by the real-world company Diebold have had their security and reliability called into question. With midterm elections approaching, the possibility emerges — what if mass-electronic voter fraud actually occurred?

With the capitol currently embroiled in so many scandals, a bona-fide example of such corruption might be enough to break whatever party or interest was found responsible. A survey by the Wall Street Journal found the examples of Mark Foley, Harry Reid, George Allen and literally dozens of other Congress members, mired in varying levels of suspected and accused misdeeds, have reduced approval rates to 16 percent, their lowest level in the 17 years that paper has been surveying them.

Diebold itself has far from a clean record. Days after the 2004 presidential election, they settled out of court in a California fraud case, and their CEO resigned in December 2005 amid accusations of insider trading. The Ohio secretary of state up for re-election received \$10,000 in campaign contributions from a Diebold lobbyist after his office negotiated a deal with Diebold to provide voting machines for use in that state's counties.

Most concerning of all, in September of this year, a student group from Princeton demonstrated that Diebold's electronic voting machines were vulnerable to tampering, including hacks that altered votes without any record of the alteration within the machine. In other words, votes could be stolen with Diebold machines, and there would be no evidence to ever suggest it.

One simple feature that critics of Diebold and electronic voting in general want to see implemented is a "paper trail" — a hard copy of voting records that prints out after a voter has submitted their electronic ballot, thus confirming their votes and providing a way to fact-check the results stored in the voting machines' memory.

Were the perpetrators of a case of voter fraud found to be Republican, it could make enough of an impact on the electorate to even influence the 2008 presidential elections, especially if the fraud were found to have occurred in one of the many Congressional districts with members touched by fallout from the Mark Foley case or others. Republicans on Capitol Hill are already concerned that the wave of scandals in recent months will cost them their majority; one more straw might break the camel's back.

In the instance of a Democratic case of voter fraud, the controversy would be unlikely to completely eclipse the woes besetting the Republicans but might instead even out the electorate simply by driving them away from the political scene. Despite the overall low approval ratings of Congress, Democrats are enjoying a much better standing than Republicans for the time being; should there be scandal on both sides, the odds of becoming disgusted with the system as a whole rise. Depending on the pitch of the presidential race, 2008 might see record-low participation.

In the long run, voter fraud such as this wouldn't be the end-all of the U.S. voting system. Fraud is nothing new. Electronic voting machines simply make the process simpler for those with the access to alter the necessary software. The aftermath of such a scandal might have the short-term effect of energizing one party and disgracing another but overall would simply discourage eligible voters from even casting their ballots. With voter turnout already falling off year after year, that might be the worst damage of all.

"What if..." is a column written by a series of staff writers. Opinions in this column do not reflect those of The Whitworthian.

Death penalty needs to be abolished

**GAVIN
JAMIESON**
Writer



The United States has possessed the title of world "good guy" since the end of World War II. America was able to identify itself as the bastion of freedom, tolerance and phenomenal economic strength. This attitude was reflected in a 1964 speech when Ronald Reagan told the story of two men saying how fortunate a Cuban refugee was to have been able to escape from Castro's Cuba, and the Cuban replied "How lucky you are! I had someplace to escape to."

In the present day, the United States still has superpower status, but we must be aware that our moral strength and authority is by no means a certainty. This is why the United States should approach the issue of capital punishment from a stance of taking into consideration what sets us apart from the other nations of the world.

In view of the issue of the death penalty I would say that apart from human rights theories, religious motivations and the idea of justice, the death penalty just makes us look bad in front of the rest of the world. I would be more comfortable with the execution of criminals if our system for doing so worked, but in practice it just doesn't do what it is supposed to and in the process damages our world standing. When citizens of the United States chastise China for their infamous procedure of selling the organs of their executed criminals, it hurts us to have them be able to reply that at least China

does not get dragged before the world stage to try to explain why they are trying to execute 17-year olds. This was the case in *Roper v. Simmons* (2005) in which the United States Supreme Court decided that it was unconstitutional to execute those who had committed their crime under the age of 18.

In describing my opposition to the death penalty as it stands in the United States today, I want to stress that I do not want to be seen as a proponent of criminal's rights over those of their victims. I do not have a problem with locking up murderers for the rest of their natural lives, as this is a commonly accepted practice that doesn't hurt our nation's image. I understand that the debate over the death penalty is a strongly divisive issue but so was the matter of slavery in the United States during the 1800s. At that time the United States faced condemnation from world powers for this inhumane practice, the abolishment of which enhanced America's image and gave us a stronger platform from which to conduct our nation's affairs.

From what I understand about the death penalty, I would not say that it is entirely without merit. Singapore employs the death penalty for a broader range of crimes than the United States, and they have been able to convince potential lawbreakers that it is a very bad idea to try to transport heroin across their borders. To contrast this with the United States, where more than two-thirds of those sentenced to death are never actually put to death, the existence of the death penalty is not seen as having much use besides that of a political tool for office seekers who want to "get tough on crime."

In understanding how I view the

death penalty in America, think of how another practical idea would work if it were subject to similar restrictions. The automobile in America is capable of reliable transportation that outweighs the negative aspects. But suppose that the automobile had been burdened down by so many concerns from environmentalist groups, vehicle safety groups and other factors so that each car could go no faster than five miles an hour, cost \$500,000 each, and you had to wait five years before buying one. Proponents of the car could say that it could be made practical, but most people would decide that it is more trouble than it is worth. So it is with the death penalty that was a good idea in theory but is so broken in practice that it's just not worth it anymore.

By doing away with the death penalty, the United States would gain prestige in the eyes of groups such as Amnesty International and the European community. I would view this as a side benefit. What is good for Europe will not always be good for the United States, but it would not hurt. Most importantly it will improve the lot of the world as we gain another tool to use during condemnations of religiously motivated executions carried out by Islamic courts and politically motivated Chinese military tribunals. If we could fix our system so that the death penalty worked the way it was supposed to, then I would likely support it. But as it stands, I would have to say that our nation would be better off jettisoning the whole practice.

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HUMOR COLUMN

To vote, or not to vote? A Republican question.

Daniel Walters
Staff Writer

This November 7, thousands of citizens will get off work, drive down to their polling place, realize that this year votes are supposed to be mailed in, say "screw it" and go get a bite to eat at Taco Bell.

In America, sadly, most elections have the turnout of a meeting of the WSU Abstinence Club.

Whatever happened to the good ol' days, in the 1890s, where the number of votes often eclipsed the number of people in the city? Even the dead took time off from Compost Development and Maggot Networking to cast a vote against immigrants, unions and election reform. If you asked any man if they'd voted, they would have given a thumbs-up, had their thumbs not been mishandled, misplaced, mislabeled as "veal," and distributed to the local Wendy's franchise.

Many liberals have a fervent hope, that if only they could convince more people to vote, then maybe they'd vote *correctly*. Who cares if you don't know the issues, they say. Pick the guy with the funniest name! (Schwarzenegger! Spiro Agnew! Grover!)

When I go to vote, however, I meticulously study up on the issues, analyze each candidate's experience and previous performances in past positions, read hundreds of Op-Eds from columnists on all sides of the political spectrum, and then go to the voting booth and mark every name that has an (R) next to it. Since I'm a Republican, I really don't have a choice who to vote for.

Remember, politics is a lot like sports. (And those who say that only politicians can start wars, don't know much about the Oakland Raiders.)

You choose a team (Go Salk Middle School Spartans!) and root for them no matter how or what they do. So *what* if the bat boy was caught taking steroids, or the running back killed his wife, or your team broke into the opposing team's locker room to steal their playbook? They're *your* team.

So even if Hillary Clinton and Noam Chomsky ran on a platform of giving each citizen one free gay marriage for every two abortions, but ran as a Republican, I'd have to vote for her. Them's the rules.

Unfortunately, not every candidate and initiative is identified by political party. Instead, you have to figure out their secret political orientation through other ways. If they have names like "Rex Rummwater the IIIrd" they're Republican, whereas if they have a name like "Starchild Cloudwisp Kennedy" they're a Democrat. Initiatives with phrases like "Freedom," "Strength" and "Maybe they should just suck it up and try not being poor" are most likely Republican. Phrases like "social justice" and "you can, like, use hemp for anything — itchy clothes, dental floss, curing AIDS, smoking it to see if you get high ..." on the other hand, belong to the liberal lexicon.

But which group numbers more, the Alliance or the Horde?

The Republicans sit in a precarious situation, because for some reason,

people tend to associate them with President Bush. Bush, of course, was the architect (and real estate agent) of the war in Iraq, a conflict which seemed like a funny idea at the time, but some people took it way too far. The President is criticized for going into Iraq without an exit strategy. In actuality, he did have an exit strategy — riding out on unicorns on rainbows into the lollipop sunset while Iraqi children shower the American soldiers with chocolates and glitter and lilac petals and nice-smelling bath soaps — but there were some ... logistical problems.



The Republican Party, therefore, has tried to distance themselves from the President. "Bush, who? I swear I've never seen the man before in my life!" they say, as a rooster crows in the distance.

The election will either turn on the War on Terrorism or the War on Mark Foley's Instant Messenger Transcripts.

The Republicans believe the proper response to terrorism is the Bomb Them Until they Love Us program, while the Democrats believe we first need to figure out *why* they hate us. We just need to sit down with Osama and his ilk and have a DTR. *Oh*, you hate us because of our imperialistic interventionism, freedom of the press, our uncovered table legs, both Will and Grace, corrupt western videogames with infidel plumbers, our condemnation of suicide bombing without ever asking the bomber for *his* side of the story, the exasperating way we stand in the way of the return of the Caliphate and how we play our bass guitar too loud at three in the morning when the Middle East is trying to sleep? Also, the Jews? Don't worry, angry extremists, we can change! We're willing to attempt to find a balance between your need for total world domination, and our rather ethnocentric desire to not be beheaded!

I'm not going to tell you how to vote (Hint: Republican), because when you get right down to it, *your vote doesn't matter*. Your pitiful ballot is no match for the power of a fully-operational democracy! Statistically, your vote will be overwhelmed by dim-witted high school students who fill in all C's, because they didn't study the night before. Watch in horror, as your vote's canceled out by Agnus Gurshweather, an 84-year old Wenatchee resident whose poor vision and slight dementia has lead her to attempt to cross-stitch the poem "Footsteps" into the ballot.

Even if somehow, your single vote is the dandelion spore that tips the Teeter-Totter of Democracy in your favor, the final vote tally isn't the *official* vote tally. The official vote tally is an arbitrary number come to at a meeting of "THEY," a group composed of the Freemasons, the Illuminati, the Oil companies, the Soprano Family, Boss Tweed, Wormtongue, the current American Idol, the ASWC intramurals coordinator and me. We also control the weather, time itself and the liberal media.

I mean, how do you think I got this cushy column?

It certainly wasn't from writing great conclusions.

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Opinions

Initiative 937: Vote for global warming help



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Writer

With the mid-term elections only a few weeks away, voters, especially Whitworth students, should be informing themselves about the different candidates and measures that they will be deciding upon.

One measure that should be focused on is state-wide Initiative 937, which would set targets for energy conservation and use of renewable

energy resources for electric utilities with 25,000 or more customers. If companies did not reach certain targets in the amount of time given, they would have to pay penalties. Addressing energy conservation, a company would be responsible to identify its goals for the "reduction in electric power consumption resulting from increases in the efficiency of energy use, production or distribution." As to renewable resources, a company would have to meet specific percentage target in a certain amount of time. By 2020, a company would have to have 15 percent of its power coming from renewable resources.

This is an extremely important bill that I urge every citizen of Washington to vote for. Our world is becoming more polluted every day and the alternative of renewable, clean energy like solar and wind power is far superior to burning an increasing amount of fossil fuels. Organizations such as the Union of Concerned Scientists, Washington Public Utility District Association and Physicians for Social Responsibility are officially supporting the measure.

Last week the Political Studies department, with the support of the Murdoch Foundation, showed "An Inconvenient Truth" at the Garland Theatre. I emphatically praise the department for presenting such an importantly educational film.

The first time I saw Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth" was in my hometown of Santa Rosa, Calif. — aka hippie-town USA. The packed house was almost completely silent throughout the movie, applauded for what seemed like minutes and sat through the entire ending credits. It was akin to my experience seeing "Fahrenheit 9/11" in the same theatre, except during that movie people actually laughed.

"An Inconvenient Truth" impacted my mind and heart

tentions behind the initiative are putting Washington on the right track. But it is not enough. The measure only requires a company to use 15 percent of renewable resources by 2020. This is simply not sufficient over a period of almost 15 years.

Taking all of this into account, I would still advise the people of Washington to vote for this measure. In addition to moving away from fossil fuels, I-937 would save citizens and business money through energy conservation. It also

requires utility companies to offer energy efficient programs, like rebates for energy efficient appliances or

heating and cooling systems.

Most opponents to mandated energy regulations or measures like this contend that economics should prevent us from such actions. They say that it would be too detrimental to the economy, but in reality, the I-937 type of approach is already working in 20 states across the country, saving citizens and businesses money. In just two years, for example, Colorado consumers have saved \$14 million. Plus, what good is a strong economy if something so imperative is at stake: our ability to live.

The initiative would also give us clean, cheaper and renewable energy resources from wind and solar power. Pollution from fossil fuels is a grave problem in the United States that causes thousands of cases of asthma and lung disease every year.

It is vital that the citizens of the United States, especially the younger generation, view this film and inform themselves about the gravity of our environmental situation, both as a country and as a world partner. I encourage all Whitworth students to register to vote and go to spokanecounty.org/elections for all the information on I-937 listed above.

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an inconvenient truth

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just as greatly this time as the first time around. Gore's slideshow is presented in an interesting way and is complemented by picture and video examples. The science is shocking, convincing and most important of all, true and urgent.

As an example, in the movie Gore presents a 2004 survey by Dr. Naomi Oreskes of 928 peer-reviewed articles on global climate change published from 1993 to 2003. The survey, which was published in "Science," the academic journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, reported that every single article supported the consensus that global warming is being caused by humans or did not address the issue.

But I think the most vital issue in all of the controversy surrounding global warming is the ignorance of how tangible and close the problem really is. Abundant examples, some of which Gore uses in his slideshow, show that the world's temperature is rising significantly. The splitting of entire ice shelves in the center of Greenland, the breaking off of a shelf the size of Rhode Island in Antarctica and the almost complete absence of snow in some classically frozen regions, are just a few examples. The pictures are striking and stir up a fear and sense of urgency.

I-937 is a measure that should be passed and the in-

Sounding Board

Question of the week

Q: Does your vote count?
Why or why not?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: "Voting"

It is our own fault
we are unheard

I am glad to see that free speech is somewhat alive and well and I would like to remind everyone that it is only free speech if we allow those that we do not agree with, to voice their opinions as well. I cannot agree with those that want to ban a particular group or club simply because they support a certain candidate for office. I personally do not think if we keep doing the same thing, we will get different results.

Therefore, I support voting for anybody that is not an incumbent. After all, the incumbents voted for legislation that they did not even read (i.e. the Patriot Act, NCLB). I can name more but most of us have not read a single bill either. If we had, most would conclude that by voting for legislation that strikes the 1st, 4th and 5th amendments of the Constitution it would go against the oath of office all public officials take when they are elected to office. If we keep doing the same thing, we will get the same results.

Has anybody put any real thought into why only 65 percent of the American public is registered to vote? Only 52 percent of that 65 percent even voted in the last national elections. Where did I get my numbers? Look it up and see if you can get that same-sick feeling in your stomach. So I will stretch it and say 35 percent of all of us voted. A little over 17.5 percent for the so-called conservatives and a little less for the so-called liberals. Most of us cannot define either but we let the controlled media divide us anyway. Not with just those terms but black, white, brown, gay, poor, middle class, donkey, elephant, peacenik, chicken hawk, hippie, yuppie, whatever division is division.

We cannot possibly hope to make where we live better divided. I do not know anybody who is not trying to put food on the table for their family. I do not know anybody who thinks it is acceptable to teach his or her children that violence is the answer. And who could possibly be against peace? We are all God's creation living on God's creation and we need to start acting like it or we will be held accountable for our actions as well as our inactions. If you did not go back to sleep yet or quit reading. I have another thought for you.

Think back to when this country was started. White slave-owning lawyers who had their own vision, were our founding fathers. Yet today, women and people of color can vote and we all have some civil rights but we still have much room for improvement. What have you done to make where you live better? Before you send me hate mail because I am not honoring those who fought for our freedoms, don't, my wife and I are both veterans as well as our fathers and father's fathers. Support the troops they are us our husbands, wives, mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters and most everybody that needs a job now days. Get the picture? All veterans took an oath but it seems most do not remember the defend-the-Constitution part. What have you done to make where you live better?

Brad Logue
Junior
Elementary Education

Re: "Anti-discrimination
policy postponement"Lack of action
condones hate

The recent postponement of an anti-discrimination policy targeting gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans gender people by the Board of Trustees is very disheartening and disappointing. As a Christian institution that claims to be run by grace and truth, it would be assumed that every individual would be seen and respected as one made in the image of God. While our President might argue that

Whitworth hesitates to instigate such a policy because of the history of not taking a side in this heated debate, such a lack of decisiveness indicates a stand.

By choosing not to provide protection for some of the most vulnerable people in our midst, Whitworth is indirectly allowing discrimination to take place. By not taking action to stop unequal treatment of this particular minority population, Whitworth is condoning hate acts. This is not an issue of gay marriage and does not necessitate the establishment of a gay-straight alliance at Whitworth. It simply protects a group that is more prevalent than most students realize. Unintentional or not, the Board has projected the statement that respect for humanity is arbitrary and we need not love unconditionally. Such a lack of commitment does not demonstrate that Whitworth is a catalyst for Christ to the rest of the world. In fact, I wonder if Christ would even want to be associated with such a bigoted institution.

Marissa Puntigam
Senior
Sociology & Theology

Re: "Adopt: It is ethically
right ..."Stance on child-
bearing offensive

We were very disturbed with the implications your article brought up.

First of all, it was offensive to suggest that if we did not agree with your position, we were simply irrational animals acting on our procreative impulses.

Second, the statement "assuming you care" implies that if we do not fully embrace your ideas then we are heartless individuals with no regard for the well-being of humanity.

Thirdly, while we do agree that we as Americans take for granted the resources that are available to us on a daily basis and are often wasteful, perhaps a better solution than not having any children, would be to raise children with a sense of appreciation and stewardship of what we have been blessed with.

We also found it quite absurd that you used our Christian faith to condemn us and accused us of not "taking up our crosses" if we "selfishly" decided to have children of our own. Do you not realize that God has commanded us to be fruitful and multiply? If we followed your instructions, we would, in a way, be disobeying the command of God.

Lastly, we thought that you should be aware that there are many good American families out there who would love to relieve some of those AIDS orphans from sub-Saharan Africa through adoption, but who simply cannot afford to do so. The estimated cost for international adoption is around 30 thousand dollars and most families do not have that amount. So, please do not make rude assumptions like these that you made in your article. Realize that there are many caring people who are sacrificing some comforts in order to send resources and funds to those in need.

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Bethany Jose
Senior
English Literature & Theology

Re: "North Korea"

U.N.-led force
should stop Korea

I was very disappointed with the latest article about the North Korean nuclear test. I am incredibly tired hearing about the dainty, cutting-corner ways of diplomacy that the United States and United Nations keep incorporating into their interrogations with North Korea. I believe there are much better ways to aggressively deal with North Korea than

diplomacy. Unfortunately, this means being willing and able to except that war with Korea might be a factor.

Knowing Kim Jong Il is not mentally stable, we have to be prepared for the worst. We must let him know that world will not stand for a nuclear attack anywhere; and, if he does, the world will not be afraid to turn "his" country into a self-lighted, glass-floored parking lot! In my opinion, I believe some type of skirmish with the North Koreans is inevitable. However, it should not be up the United States to lead the allied front. It is time that the U.S. government stop thinking that it is the world's security force and time for the U.N. to get their heads out of their butts and start taking aggressive initiative to end this act of terror and terror that is supported throughout the world.

If it is possible to liberate the innocent civilians of North Korea I do not think it is necessary for the United States to harbor or "absorb" them in any way whatsoever. We do not have the extra resources to offer these people. We are at war; we already harbor tens of millions of immigrants, and how many millions more illegally? The U.S. government has a talent for stretching beyond its limits, and I do not know about you, but I for one am tired of paying for resources we do not have, and yet offer to other countries in need.

Michael Peterson
Freshman
Psychology

Re: "Drinking ..."

Drinking does
not hurt grades

In response to the incredibly off-base article on the so-called underground drinking scene at Whitworth, the article could not have been more wrong about the students who drink at Whitworth. We are not an exclusive, secret society. We regularly send out over 300 Facebook invitations to our parties and anyone who wants to come is welcome. We do not drink to drown our problems, we drink for the same reason that other students play ultimate Frisbee, or go to Prime Time, because it is fun.

We are all responsible, contributing members of the Whitworth society who get good grades and excel in all areas of student life. Some of us are athletes, some of us are music majors, some of us are athletic training majors or equipment managers. No matter what somebody participates in campus life, our drinking habits in no way affect negatively the outcome of our academic careers. Many athletes voluntarily do dry seasons, no matter if they have to sign team contracts.

Drinking does not rule our lives, it is merely a part of our social habits and it is definitely not to drown our sorrows in alcohol. It does not negatively affect our relationships, often it produces new ones, because although we are very welcoming to anyone who wants to join, we are a close-knit family that watches out for each other. Designated drivers and caretakers are common parts of every party. We always keep track of each other's drinks to make sure nothing gets slipped in. There's nothing wrong with getting drunk, nor is there anything wrong with playing the occasional game of beer pong, or quarters or king's cup. Whether the theology majors are okay with it or not, alcohol is a part of Whitworth, and its here to stay. It's not bad, nor does it cause bad grades or relationship failure any more than intramural sports drama or Core study time.

In professional journalism it's a huge importance to get facts straight, and not only was this article under-researched, but it was full of blatant fallacies. The subjects interviewed were irrelevant graduates that don't know anything about the current party scene at Whitworth, and should not have been quoted. We are going to keep drinking, because we like it, and the rest of Whitworth is going to have to get used to it.

Anna Muller
Senior
English

By the
NUMBERSVoting facts
and figures

27

The number of U.S. states whose electors are legally bound by their constitution to vote for their candidate.

270

The majority of electoral votes needed to win the Presidential election.

30

The age one has to be in order to be elected to the Senate.

25

The age one has to be in order to be elected to the House of Representatives.

238,354

The total registered voters in Spokane County as of Sept. 29.

101,671

The total number of ballots cast in Spokane County's Sept. 29 primary elections.

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The date in November of the Washington General Election.

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Nov. 6 is the last day to file for an absentee ballot in Washington.

81.2

The percentage of registered voters who turned out for the 2004 Spokane County general election.

74

The percentage of women who are registered to vote nationwide.

71

The percentage of men who are registered to vote nationwide.

— Compiled by
Amanda Beason

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www.spokanecounty.org



The worship leaders sing last Sunday at the Holy Temple Church of God in Christ. The church, pictured below, is a Pentecostal church.

Holy Temple Church of God in Christ

The Holy Temple Church of God in Christ at 806 W. Indiana offers a unique church experience for students seeking a less traditional worship environment.

Although the congregation itself is predominantly African-American, the church commits itself to welcoming any who come to worship.

"The Bible says to love our neighbors," said Gladys Howard, church trustee and member since 1959, in a 2004 interview. "Who are our neighbors? Everyone is, not one color or ethnic group. We have one God, so we should learn to get along with everybody."

The Pentecostal church is committed to the idea that Christ has no gender, so there should be no gender bias.

According to an article about the church, there is no distinction between "Jew or Greek, so there should be no racism, and there is no distinction between slaves and free people, so there should be no classism."

The Holy Temple works hard to invite religious speakers and gospel singers from around the country and the world to introduce the congregation to new ideas and music. Music especially plays a large role in weekly services.

Senior Jocelyn Wilson, who has attended services at the Holy Temple for the



last four years, said that the environment is very friendly and upbeat.

"It feels like family," Wilson said.

Most services are centered around the message and singing of gospel music, which many people specifically come to participate in. Gospel music is a key part of the church's mission to bring more people close to God, and help people live out biblical principals on a day-to-day basis.

The church is also involved with Mission Spokane an outreach program that helps needy families around the local area.

Although Holy Temple has no formal Web site, anyone interested in obtaining information about services and ministry work can call 624-0522 to talk with a church staff member.

**HOLY TEMPLE
CHURCH OF
GOD IN CHRIST**

Affiliation:
Pentecostal
*Distance from
campus:* 6.05 miles

St. Aloysius Parish

St. Aloysius Cathedral is located at 330 E. Boone Ave., near Gonzaga University. It offers a stately atmosphere amidst the grandiose, rustic buildings of the school. Modern facilities house the university-sponsored parish and the offices for the University Ministry, which cooperate to bring students and Spokane residents a place where they can go to practice a more traditional style of faith.

**ST. ALOYSIUS
PARISH**

Affiliation:
Catholic
*Distance from
campus:* 6.17 miles

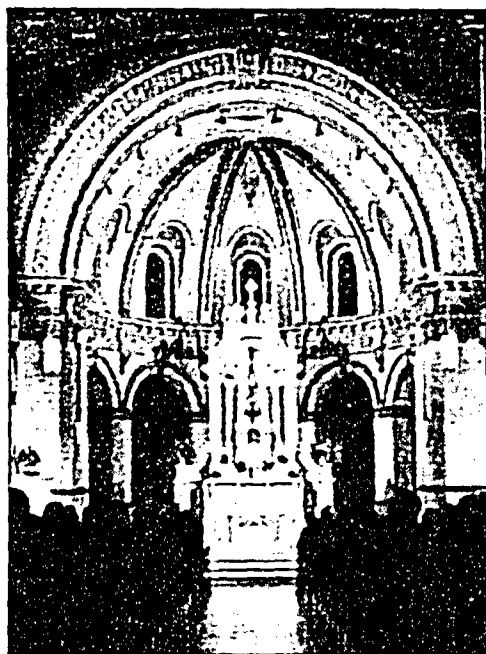
The ornate interior of the cathedral features elaborate oak woodwork, altars made from Italian marble and a true pipe organ with 37 ranks of keys. The church itself is popular among Spokane

tour groups, who emphasize the towering twin spires that have become a landmark to the local area. The large bells in each tower can be heard ringing out over the neighborhood on Sundays.

Visitors are welcome to attend mass and come for private prayer during daylight hours all throughout the year. Inside the building's main lobby, visitors can pick up brochures which list and describe mass times, small group meetings and other special activities.

According to the parish's website (www.stalchurch.org) the church provides the framework for "exploring options for growth in spirituality, evangelization, civic responsibility, education, enrichment and service both close to home and beyond in the wider community."

The rich history and heritage of the parish attracts many Sunday worshippers. The present St. Aloysius church was first dedicated in 1911. With a seating capacity of 1,100 it boasts the largest seating capacity of all Catholic



The front of the St. Aloysius cathedral at Gonzaga University is lit up during a service last Sunday.

churches in Spokane.

Although the parish is run independently from the University itself, many students are encouraged to participate and become involved with the University Ministry, regardless of faith or religious practice.

According to the office's Web site "the primary goal of the Office of University Ministry is to get each student what he or she needs to grow in his or her relationship with God."

Masses are held all throughout the week at St. Aloysius. For a complete schedule, visit www.gonzaga.edu/um.



The choir at Faith Bible Church leads the contemporary worship at a morning service last Sunday. F

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The exterior of Northview Bible Church.

Northview Bible Church

Northview Bible Church is located about five minutes north of campus on 13521 N. Mill Rd. The building is large and all of the space is put to practical use. The main floor contains a sizeable worship center with a balcony, gymnasium, kitchen, two nurseries and administrative offices. In the basement there are more than 15 classrooms and a fellowship hall.

Northview is a self-proclaimed non-denominational church with a conservative view of theology. Their view of scripture is that it is the inerrant word of God and is complete and authoritative. Their view of mankind is that all men are sinful, fallen and without any sort of excuse or defense outside of salvation through Christ's sacrifice. When it comes to their role as a church, they believe that it is to work together as a unified body with the ultimate purpose of glorifying Christ.

Their worship, on the other hand, is not charismatic but quite contemporary and multi-genera-

tional. Northview's worship program provides opportunities for people (including students) to use their gifts and be involved in the service – not the goal of putting on a performance, but with the intention of aiding the congregation in praising God.

Besides their two worship services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday mornings, Northview provides other opportunities for fellowship throughout the week meant especially for college students. The college and adult group meets twice a week Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. in the classrooms and on Thursday at 9 p.m. There are also bi-monthly young movie nights that take place on either a Friday or Saturday night. Besides these regularly scheduled events, the church also plans other activities for the young adults in the congregation.

Additional information is available on their site at www.nbcsokane.org.

**NORTHVIEW
BIBLE CHURCH**

Affiliation:
Non-denominational
*Distance from
campus:* 3.01 miles

Other religious INSTITUTIONS

Spokane Buddhist Church

927 S. Perry St.
509-534-7954



Central Seventh Day Adventist Church

828 W. Spofford Ave.
509-328-5900



Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-Day Saints Temple

13608 E. 40th Ave.
509-747-3304



Temple Beth Shalom

1322 E. 30th Ave.
509-482-2608



Islamic Center of Spokane

505 E. Wedgewood Ave.
509-482-2608



Other local CHURCHES

Whitworth Presbyterian Church

312 W. Hawthorne Rd.
509-466-0305

Colbert Presbyterian Church

4211 E. Colbert Rd.
509-468-9923

First Presbyterian Church

318 S. Cedar St.
509-747-1058

New Community

1003 E. Trent Ave. # 160
509-483-6500

Shiloh Hills Fellowship

207 E. Lincoln Rd.
509-467-9380

Life Center

708 W. Nora Ave.
509-327-4422

Life Center North Church

202 E. Lyons Ave.
509-444-8445

Calvary Chapel of Spokane

511 W. Hastings Rd.
509-467-2860

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

7307 N. Nevada St.
509-483-4218

First Church-Open Bible

8303 N. Division St.
509-467-5122

St. Joseph's Church and Rectory

1503 W. Dean Ave.
509-328-4841

Covenant United Methodist Church

15515 N. Gleneden Dr.
509-466-1768

Fourth Memorial Church

2000 N. Standard St.
509-487-2786

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vice last Sunday. Faith Bible Church is a non-denominational church located at 600 W. Cora Ave.

OF WORSHIP

GUIDE TO LOCAL CHURCHES

Faith Bible Church

Faith Bible Church, located on 600 W. Cora Ave., will definitely appeal to students seeking a slightly larger church that puts an emphasis on collegiate ministries and small groups.

With over 37 percent of the population in Spokane under 25, student ministry has become a high priority at FBC. They focus on various outreach programs in the Spokane region, especially the Garland area, where students are spearheading a youth outreach program.

"God has put us in the region for a purpose," said senior pastor Dan Jarms, who also said that church membership at FBC has been increasing regularly over the last few years.

"The major goals are consistent and regular spiritual growth [for our church body]," Jarms said.

The facilities at FBC are also quite appealing. With an impressive chapel area and large lobby, the building easily accommodates the 600 regular Sunday worshippers.

Spacious halls and a modern atmosphere add to the comfortable and friendly settings inside the building.

Sunday worship services are thought-provoking and often feature a variety of intellectual guest speakers.

"We want people to come in and see the greatness of Christ," Jarms said.

The worship songs are contemporary and are performed by a live worship band weekly. A quality sound system allows worshippers to immerse themselves in the music.

Jarms said that the goals of Sunday services are to excite and inform guests and members of the personal relationship they are supposed to have with God.

"This is God we're meeting; He's pretty incredible. We get excited about that," Jarms said.

Sunday services are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Additional information regarding small group meetings and student ministry programs can be found at FBC's web site, www.fbcchurch.org.



Affiliation:
Non-denominational
Distance from
campus: 5.07 miles



TOP: Teaching pastor Dan Jarms preaches to a morning service last Sunday.
ABOVE: The exterior of Faith Bible Church.



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air two worship services 1:00 a.m. Sunday morning provides other opportunities throughout the year especially for college students.

The college and young adults meet twice a week, on Mondays at 10 a.m. in one of the classrooms and on Thursday night bi-monthly young adult meetings on either a Friday or Saturday. These regularly scheduled meetings provide a place for fellowship and other activities for the congregation. More information is available on their Web site.

New card games gain popularity

Travels to Brazil bring new card games to campus

Lucas Beechnor
Staff writer

For students tired of playing card games like "War" or "Go Fish," residents in Arend have picked up variations of exotic games which offer a unique gaming experience not familiar to most people from this area.

Sophomore Christopher Dennis first learned the game "Truco" when he traveled to Brazil with the Whitworth jazz band last January. A Brazilian girl offered to teach them the game when she saw Dennis and his friends playing cards by the swimming pool. Once Dennis and his friends learned the rules, they quickly developed an addiction.

"We'd sit by the pool every night and play truco," said junior Katie Zerkel, who was with Dennis and other members of the jazz band. She quickly found the techniques of the game quite intriguing.

"We'd play for three or four hours," Zerkel said.

She admitted that she would play all the time if she was not so busy.

"There are a lot of little quirks," Dennis said.

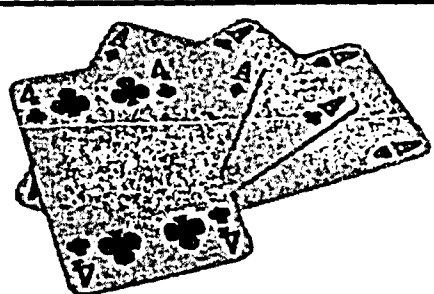
Truco is popular in many parts of South America. It is derived from a simpler card game known as Truc, which is played in parts of Europe.

The game is played by four players in two player teams, competing to be the first team to score 12 points. The points are earned by winning "tricks," the term used for the dealt round of cards from both teams.

In Truco, jacks are the lowest cards and aces are the highest, except for two's and three's. Players are dealt three cards and can decide to increase the worth of the round at any time by calling "Truco." The other team can either accept or decline the upped bet. If declined, the round is over and the challenger team receives one point.

At this point, bluffing becomes an integral part of playing the game and teams can earn points off hands that could actually be worth nothing.

Dennis attested to the necessary strategy of deception.



THE BASICS OF TRUCO

In this popular South American game, the four cards above are the highest cards of the game from left to right. The game is played with these cards, threes, twos, aces, kings, queens and jacks (also the ranking order). Each person is dealt three cards. Players lay down their cards and the highest card wins. The team with the most wins of the three receives a point. The game is played to 12 points. A number of special rules come into play as the game proceeds.

EXAMPLE ROUND:



In this round, the person who laid down the three would win.

"You can win on a bad hand just by bluffing," Dennis said.

Although "table-talk" is allowed in Truco, it is not necessarily encouraged between teammates who aren't allowed to see each other's hands through most of the game. That did not stop Dennis or his roommate, sophomore Alec Olschner, from trying to come up with some stealthy signals, but in the end they decided against it.

"We decided working out signals beforehand wasn't cool," Dennis said.

His roommate also decided signals were a cheap way to go through the game.

"It's ill-legit," Olschner said.

Euchre is another unique game the two sophomores picked up, having learned it from friends and relatives in the Midwest. Euchre is also popular in parts of Canada, Nova Scotia, Australia and in the U.S. Navy.



Tyler Hamilton Whitworthian

A student plays a game of cards in the Arend Lounge during Prime Time.

In Euchre, four players play with a pack of 25 cards consisting of only the ace, king, queen, jack, 10 and nine from each of the four suits, plus one joker card. The object of Euchre is similar to Truco, in that players attempt to win the most tricks.

The first dealer distributes five cards to each player and then turns the top card on the remaining stack face up. This card determines which suit will serve as the trump suit. This also determines which team will be assigned to the task of winning three tricks.

If this team scores three or four tricks,

one point is earned. If they win five tricks in a round, they score two points. If this team fails to score at least three tricks, they are "euchred" and the other team scores two points.

The game is normally played to 11 points, although sometimes experienced players will go to 15.

Olschner said it is hard to find people who know or are willing to learn how to play.

"If you're playing with people who are experienced, it can be pretty quick paced," Olschner said.

Alumnus contributes to new Star Wars game

Julie Woolton
Staff writer

Since graduating in 1997, Whitworth alumnus David Collins has figured out how to use what he learned at Whitworth and apply it to his life.

Collins is featured in the documentary "Art in Me," which profiles outstanding alumni and current students on the topic of discovering vocation.

"The documentary focuses on church life and the concept of vocation," Collins said. "My story offered a piece that fit well with the documentary's bigger picture."

Collins received a call from Andrea Palpant Dilley, a '00 alumna he went to school with. She was calling alumni who might have interesting stories to tell in the documentary.

"She wanted to know what was going on in my life and career," Collins said. "We really connected and she called me back about one month later and wanted to know if she could come for a weekend to interview me and do some filming."

Dilley was impressed with Collins' story.

"I think I was most compelled by his honesty in talking about faith," Dilley said. "There was a sense of pragmatism and passion in how he talked about faith, life and vocation. It really spoke to me."

After graduating from Whitworth, Collins studied music production and engineering, drum set and conducting



Image courtesy of David Collins

An image from the game Thrillville which will be released by LucasArts this November. The game was worked on by alumnus David Collins.

at the Berklee College of Music.

Collins currently works for LucasArts, a division of LucasFilm, located in San Francisco. He is a lead sound designer and voice director in the video game division.

Collins recently finished working on a video game called "Thrillville," which will come out in late November.

"Now I'm beginning to work on an internal Star Wars game that's being developed for 2007 for Playstation 3, Xbox 360 and Playstation 2," Collins said.

Collins did not expect that this would be his career path while he was a student at Whitworth.

"In the '90s, video games were more of a subculture, whereas now they're so mainstream and they feel like movies," Collins said.

Collins said that he enjoys working in San Francisco rather than in Los Angeles or New York.

"I grew up about one hour north of San Francisco, so it is nice being near family," Collins said.

In addition to his day job at LucasArts, Collins is also the contemporary music director at the Presbyterian Church of Novato (Novato, Calif.) and is currently performing in a play for the Berkeley Repertory Theatre called "Mother of Courage."

Some of Collins' other interests include scriptwriting, casting and acting.

"I got so consumed by my job [at LucasArts] that my life/work balance got out of whack," Collins said. "I started singing at a local church, which turned into a job as the contemporary music director of a praise group similar to Hosanna."

At Whitworth, Collins played the drums in Hosanna and participated in choir, jazz ensemble and theatre

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Scene

Students cuffed for freedom

Caley Ochoa
Staff writer

They have been in the Hixson Union Building, in the library and in class. They are at the grocery store, at church, at work. Students wearing handcuffs represent those around the world who have no voice and whose oppression goes unseen.

"I think it's cool because I definitely noticed right away she was wearing handcuffs," senior Alicia Doyl said. "It was a great conversation starter. I might run over there, donate a few bucks."

The Whitworth chapter of International Justice Mission (IJM), is led by president and junior Christina Conrad. The reason for wearing handcuffs is to raise awareness and call attention to injustice all over the world. Their fundraiser "Break the Chains of Injustice" began last Friday and will continue until Fall Break.

"In 2005, there were more people in slavery [worldwide] than there were during the four decades of the American slave trade," Conrad said.

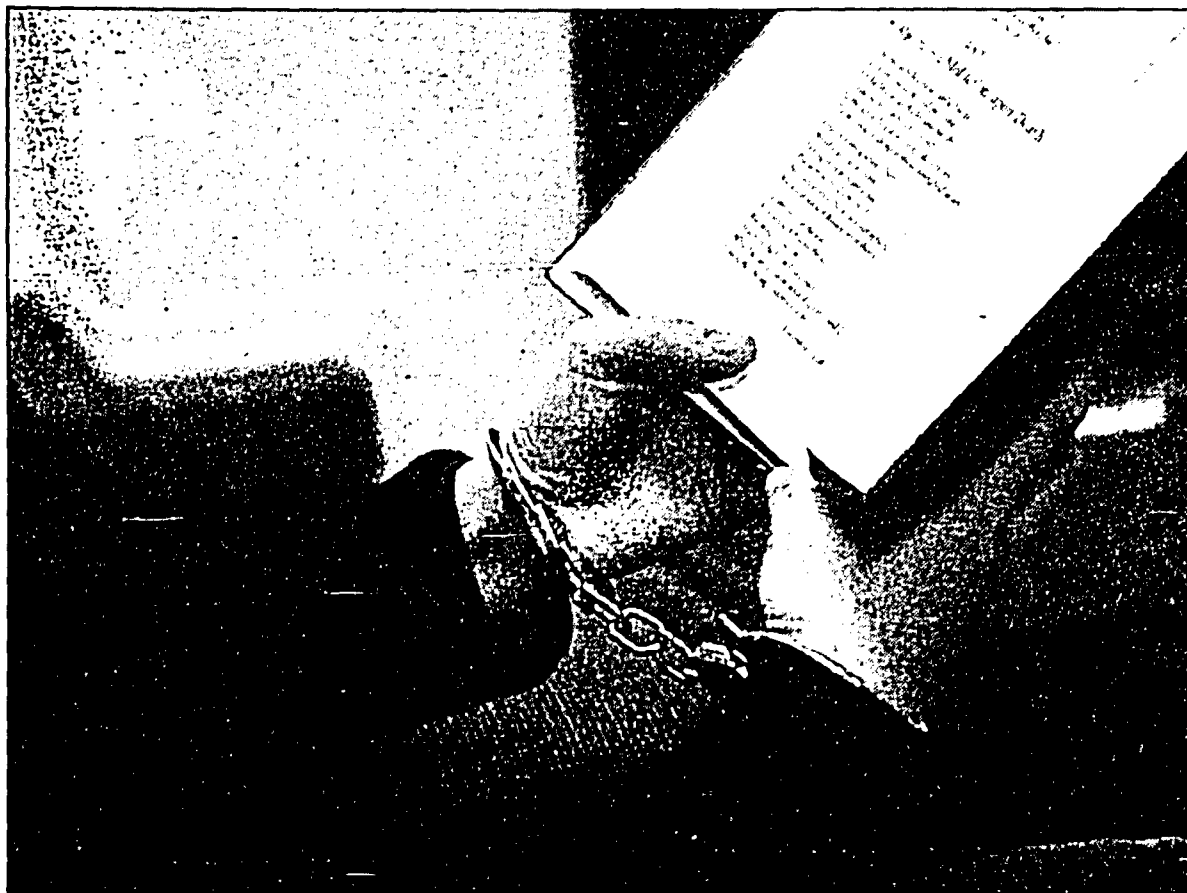
IJM is a worldwide organization that fills a void where many Christian and other relief ministries leave off. Human rights officials, lawyers and public officials dedicated to this cause aim to free people in bondage or forced prostitution as well as preventing these and other injustices.

"The purpose of the Whitworth IJM chapter is to spread awareness on campus and in the community of what justice is and to learn about injustices in the world today," Conrad said.

According to the IJM Web site, www.ijm.org, students are the most powerful agents of change. Students all over the world contribute to IJM through prayer, finances and emotional support for those involved.

IJM staff members work diligently to bring oppressors to justice while giving the oppressed a new chance at life.

Senior Janice Line, a member of IJM, encouraged students to get involved helping others. Over the next week, members of IJM will place donation stations in Lied Square, the Seeley G. Mudd cha-



Jesse Clark/Whitworthian

A student reads in a Warren lounge last Sunday evening. The handcuffs are worn to raise awareness for International Justice Mission, which works to free people worldwide from slavery and forced prostitution.

pel and Weyerhaeuser Hall in addition to the main lounges of the residence halls.

"This is not just donating to a cause. This is facilitating, equipping people who are bringing justice," Conrad said.

The mission of IJM as represented on their Web site makes a commitment to victim relief, perpetrator accountability, structural prevention and victim aftercare. Conrad and Line said IJM gets victims into schools, gives them job training and sets them on a path where they can overcome the injustice they have been dealt.

"[IJM] seems unique in the sense that it prosecutes," Line said. "They're using laws that are already in place. Some organizations focus on food, water — survival needs — while IJM focuses on justice and needs that are being overlooked."

While the United States is a participant in some of the injustices IJM combats, Southeast Asia, especially Thailand and India, has a

great need for justice. Human trafficking and forced child prostitution form a large market in these regions.

Conrad and Line described the situation as an unbreakable cycle of debt. People are forced to sell their children into bonded labor or prostitution in order to acquire loans for a sudden emergency such as a medical problem.

The children are then paid so poorly, as little as 75 cents per week, that the family will never be able to pay back the loan which is often conditioned so that it must be returned in a lump sum.

"At least one million women and children every year are tricked into forced prostitution," Conrad said, explaining that the perpetrators often promise far away jobs to women and children who, on reaching their destination, discover their work is in the sex trade.

The sex trade is relevant in many ways to the United States. Traveling Americans are not only witnesses to these injustices but

also willing participants at times. Sharon Cohn, the IJM Senior VP of Interventions, appeared on Fox TV's "Heartland" with John Kasich to discuss the implications of human trafficking in relation to the JonBenet Ramsey case.

"Convictions reverse the fear equation and increases fear among pedophiles so children don't have to be afraid," Cohn said.

Student support allows IJM to do the work that it does. Anyone can get involved in the Whitworth chapter which meets every Thursday at noon in the HUB by the Student Life window.

"There seems to be a general sense of apathy. A lack of commitment by students to really pour into something. Find something to get involved in that really has to do with something outside of yourself," Line said.

IJM will be hosting a special meeting today at 6 p.m. in the HUB to create awareness, tell stories and share more about IJM and justice.

Award-winning author visiting campus

Russell comes Nov. 2 as part of the endowed reading program

Julle Wootton
Staff writer

Dr. Mary Doria Russell, award-winning author of "The Sparrow" and "A Thread of Grace," will be giving a lecture on Nov. 2 and a reading on Nov. 3, both at 7:30 p.m. in the Robinson Teaching Theatre in Weyerhaeuser Hall as a part of the English Department endowed reading program.

The goal of the endowed reading program is to bring one nationally recognized author each year to campus to talk with students.

"The department generally tries to invite authors who are interested in faith issues and Russell certainly is," said Doug Sugano, professor of English. "She has a Ph.D. in anthropology, so she fills the reader in with as much background data as possible before starting the plot of the story."

Russell said in an e-mail interview that having a background in anthropology was helpful in writing her novels.

"It was useful in 'The Sparrow' when I was creating a plausible alien ecology and culture," Russell said. "Anthropology in general teaches you not to assume you understand something just because you've seen the surface of it."

Sugano first thought about inviting Russell to speak when he received an e-mail six or seven years ago from an alumnus who heard Russell do a reading in Chicago.

"Russell's new book 'A Thread of Grace' came out last year so we decided to invite her to come to Whitworth as a part of the endowed reading program," Sugano said.

All five sections of Reading Literature are reading "A Thread of Grace" this semester in preparation for Russell's visit.

"'A Thread of Grace' is a historical novel that expresses all of our questions and stereotypes about World War II, the Holocaust and the treatment of Jews," Sugano said. "The novel also exposes an unusual but real story about Italians protecting thousands of Jews, even while their own country was being occupied."

Russell's books are known for having a strong religious and ethical base.

"The characters [in 'A Thread of Grace'] have all been raised with religious principles, which they have abandoned or lived by variously," Russell said. "The war forces them into decisions far too quickly for them to reflect on faith. They have to react ethically on the fly."

"The Sparrow" and "Children of God" deal with scientific issues as well as anthropology.

"In her books, it is more about what we can learn from other cultures, civilizations and planets rather than preaching to them," Sugano said.

Russell said that she was under pressure to write "A Thread of Grace" quickly. Due to the amount of research necessary to write the novel, it took seven years.

"It was a monstrous research effort, and while I was writing, three close family members were dying and my own health went to hell for a while," Russell said. "An appalling time, but at least nobody was hunting me down to murder me and everyone I love. Writing about the Holocaust puts one's own tiny concerns in perspective."

Read a full review of Russell's novel
"The Sparrow" at
www.whitworthian.com

City LIFE

Haunted House opens downtown this week

Going on now through next Tuesday, Ignite! Community Theatre and the Rendezvous Events Facility are hosting a Haunted House.

The Haunted House is located at the Cajun Room at Riverwalk, 2003 E. Trent Ave. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$7 for students.

The house will be open Sunday through Thursday 7 to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 7 p.m. to midnight. The haunted house is not recommended for children under 13.

Hinder playing at Big Easy this Sunday

Hinder will be performing at the Big Easy Concert House this Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$17. The musicians debuted with the chart topping single "Lips of an Angel." The band began playing together in college in Oklahoma City five years ago.

The band was signed to Universal in 2005 and released their debut album "Extreme Behavior" featuring the songs "Get Stoned" and "Better than Me."

The sometimes-explicit band is considered alternative rock, similar to Nickelback or 3 Doors Down. The Big Easy is located at 911 Sprague Ave.

Sonics compete against Golden State Warriors

The Seattle SuperSonics will play the Golden State Warriors in an exhibition game this Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Spokane Arena. Ticket prices range from \$8 to \$90. Student tickets are available at the info desk for \$15 or go to www.ticketwest.com for more information.

Spewack comedy playing at Gonzaga U.

"My Three Angels" will be playing at Gonzaga University through this Sunday in the Russell Theatre. The comedy by Sam and Bella Spewack highlights the Ducotel family in a penal colony in 1910 French Guiana.

The family waits on Christmas Eve for the temperature to drop below 104 degrees as convicts repair the roof on their house. Showtimes are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for students.

— Compiled by Kelly MacDonald

A&E BRIEFS

Parlá exhibit open through Thursday

The Koehler Gallery Exhibit, located in the Fine Arts Building, is featuring artist José Parlá until Thursday. Admission is free. Parlá is a nationally-renowned artist based out of New York. Previews of his artwork can be seen at www.joseparla.com.

Velella Velella performing Wednesday

Enjoy the musical entertainment of Velella Velella with Pt. Junction, WA. This concert will take place this Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. in the Hixson Union Building. Admission is \$7 or free with Whitworth ID card. For more information contact Activities coordinator Thomas Ruble at x3276 or truble08@whitworth.edu.

— Compiled by Dani King

Weekly EVENTS

TUESDAY | OCT. 24

- Career Services open house, 3 p.m.
- José Parlá exhibit, Koehler Gallery
- Jazz Combo concert, 8 p.m. in Recital Hall

WEDNESDAY | OCT. 25

- Sigma Tau Delta reception, 4 p.m. in Westminster Library
- José Parlá exhibit, Koehler Gallery
- Velella Velella with Point Junction, WA, 9:30 p.m. in HUB

THURSDAY | OCT. 26

- José Parlá exhibit, Koehler Gallery

FRIDAY | OCT. 27

- Fall Break, no classes
- Midterm grades due

SATURDAY | OCT. 28

- No events scheduled

SUNDAY | OCT. 29

- No events scheduled

MONDAY | OCT. 30

- Fall Break, no classes until 5 p.m.

Scene

Chinese bistro bridges worlds

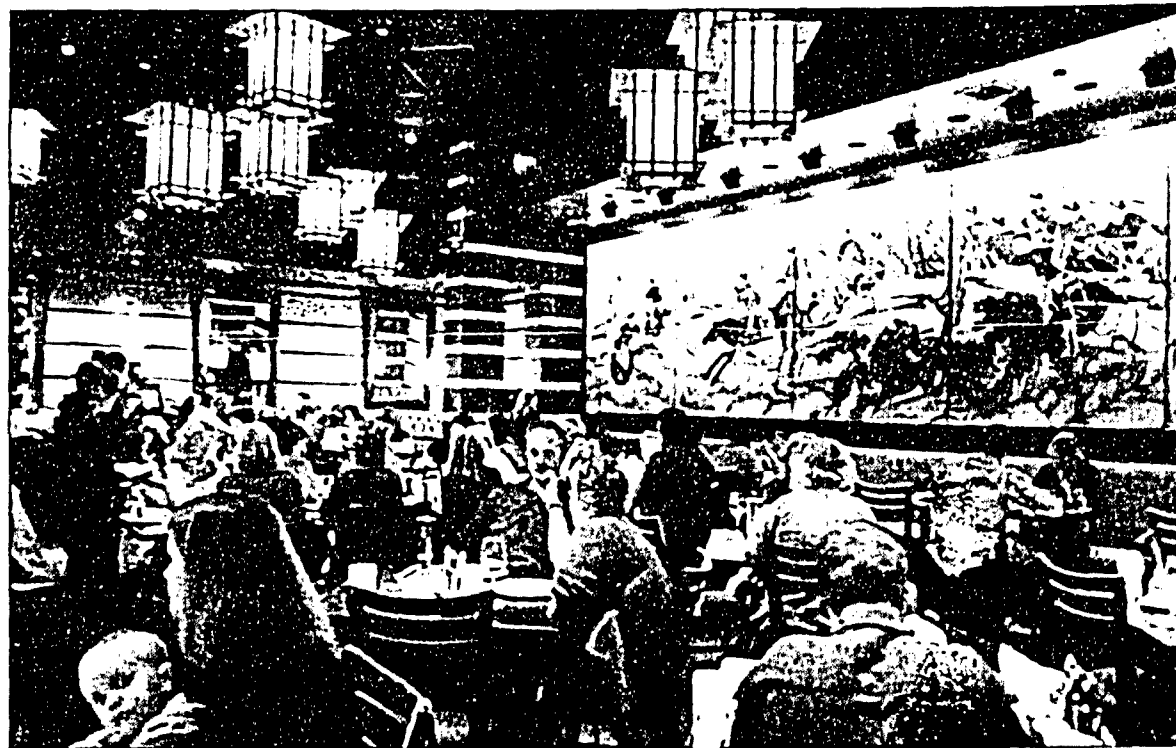
Atmosphere enhances quality, affordable menu choices

Galen Sanford
Staff writer

P.F. Chang's Chinese Bistro is the new big restaurant in Spokane. People are talking about it at work, at Whitworth, downtown, practically everywhere. That surprised me at first. I'm a bit of a food snob and P.F. Chang's is a mid-level lunch place where I'm from. I'd never eaten there — in the Seattle area authentic Asian food is common for half the price of P.F. Chang's. But since Spokane was raving about it, I decided to give it a shot. The food is quality, but not overly remarkable. However, the service impressed me and the atmosphere transported me out of Spokane, if only for an hour.

When you enter P.F. Chang's you pass through two sets of doors, like an airlock between worlds. In front of you is a circular portal in the wall, looking in on the bar where servers go about their business. It's like a show. The hostesses whisk you away to your table. The music of conversation and modern songs erases all memory of Spokane. Your seat is comfortable and your server engages you immediately. She mixes you a sauce while you choose an appetizer and drink. She'll leave you for a minute and you'll be cocooned by your friends or family or date. You'll be able to hear each other. The conversations around you will settle to a murmur and serve as a screen against the noise you left outside, on the streets of Spokane.

I'm thinking every mid-range restaurant in Spokane charges \$20 a meal. At P.F. Chang's I spent \$21 for Sichuan shrimp, ginger tea and a tip. Dinner at P.F. Chang's is served family style. The favorite dishes at the table were the Mongolian beef, the Sichuan shrimp and the fried rice. The duck was drier than it should have been, but was otherwise rich. For an appetizer, the lettuce wraps were the hit, so try those, as I'm sure the waitstaff will



Jessica Carrier Whitworthian

Customers enjoy Chinese food at P.F. Chang's last week, amidst a backdrop of dim lighting and a Chinese mural. P.F. Chang's is located at 801 W. Main Ave.

recommend them to you. Actually, the waitstaff recommended most of our meal. My table was rather undecided and so we demanded a lot of advice. Our servers didn't give the usual "Everything's good" response. Instead they took the time to discover our preferences and design a meal for us.

The restaurant was very accommodating, especially for a party of seven. When we decided to add three people to our reservation, fifteen minutes before seating, the manager took it in stride. It was 5:45 p.m., the start of the dinner rush, but P.F. Chang's seated us on time and at a corner table. Our waitress, Megan, brought our drinks and appetizers within three minutes and our food in the next 10.

The next time I visited, the manager, Tim Shay, explained that each server is only assigned to two tables so that they'll be able to focus on each customer's needs. He also explained that the kitchen staff is timed, and during the first week P.F. Chang's was open, the restaurant bought any dinner that wasn't ready on time.

P.F. Chang's was founded by the same people who started Ruth's

Chris Steakhouse, so you know they're dedicated to service. Shay told us that the vision is to provide consistent Chinese food with service that customers will return for. As a part of their commitment to service, P.F. Chang's encourages community involvement in charities by sponsoring marathons.

They have a special menu, called the Training Table Menu, that was formulated by athletes to focus on nutrients necessary for endurance events. It lists calories, proteins and carbohydrates next to entrées. P.F. Chang's also has a Gluten Free Menu. On request, they'll cook your food and make your sauces with wheat-free soy. It was this depth of service that most impressed me about P.F. Chang's. They actually care.

All the employees, except the manager, dress entirely in black. This is part of the aesthetic: The waitstaff blend into the shadows that saturate the interior and appear only when you need them. The lights are dim and the music isn't glaring, it fades into the background of conversations. On one wall is a giant Chinese mural, while another wall, in the fashion of a Chinese screen, serves as a vi-

sual break between the main dining room and the bar.

The tables in the bar aren't assigned to any particular server, so you won't necessarily be helped. When I sat in the bar our waiter disappeared for almost fifteen minutes and I had to go find someone to take my money. P.F. Chang's should definitely change this policy, because it's the only blight on their exceptional service.

So how good is P.F. Chang's? I'm a college student without much money and I've already been back. It's a remarkable restaurant when compared to its peers in Spokane. The service and atmosphere will allow you to temporarily escape from Spokane, and you probably can't eat better for \$20.

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ALUMNUS

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productions.

"David was a stellar student and an exceptionally skilled actor," said Rick Hornor, professor of theatre. "David was a director's delight because he took direction so well, had such a solid work ethic and handled both serious and comic with expertise."

Hornor said that he cast Collins in the leading role for "Come Back, Little Sheba" when he was a freshman because he auditioned with such maturity.

"The level of attention and care that students get from the faculty is phenomenal," Collins said.

Collins ended up graduating in four years with a double major in theatre and music and a minor in English.

"The strength that can be recognized about going to a school like Whitworth is that you receive the opportunity to explore what vocation is," Collins said. "It says in the documentary that the goal of a Whitworth education is to 'turn out vocation seekers.'"

Some of Collins' favorite Whitworth memories include performing in theatre productions, choir tours, Jan Term trips, Core 250 and

a C.S. Lewis course, which Collins said that he still reflects on.

Collins said that he was able to work out a rehearsal schedule so he could participate in the jazz ensemble and plays in the theatre department.

Collins said that Mitch Thomas, a friend who was a few years older, was able to participate in the fall play and on the soccer team at the same time.

"This is something that is unique about Whitworth — it is a very encouraging environment where you can pursue different interests at the same time," Collins said.

Collins' advice to current Whit-

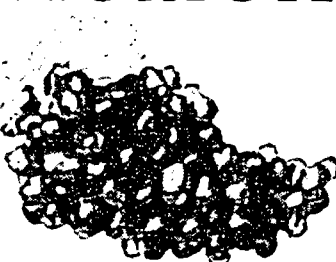
worth students is to explore different areas of interest and go through the discovery process.

"My friend came in as a music major but found out that he wasn't very good at it," Collins said. "He took a photography course and found his passion and now he is a professional photographer for a newspaper."

Collins emphasized that the world is full of possibilities.

"Have an open mind and heart and a seeking spirit towards your classes," Collins said. "Be open to new things and let yourself be surprised when you discover what your passions are."

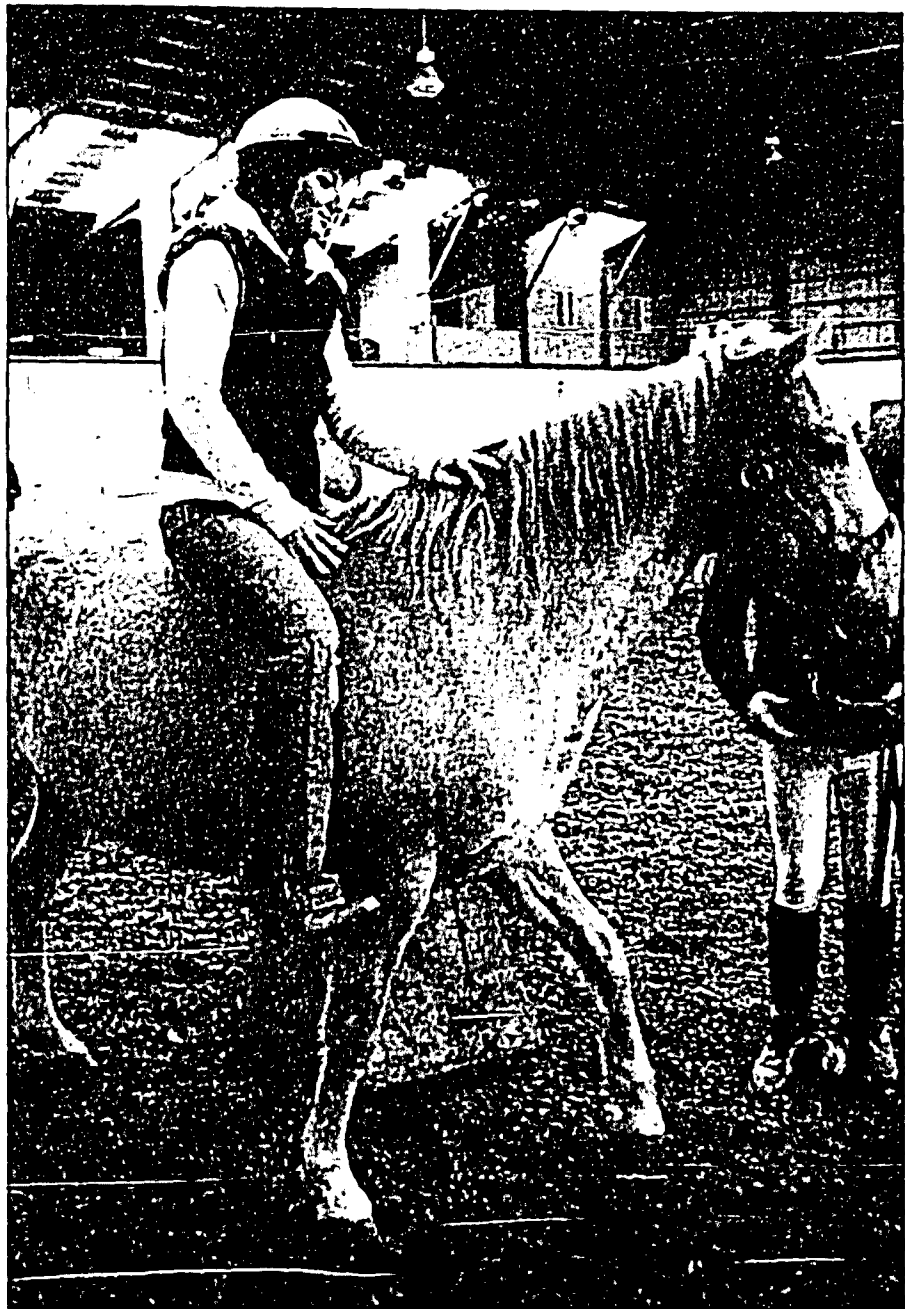
Grapevine HUMOR



Creative ways to spend Fall Break ...

- Try to use every restroom on campus.
- Turn your room into a haunted house.
- Finish all your homework until Thanksgiving.
- Fly a kite.
- Attempt to sleep for 24 straight hours.
- Catch some fish and make your own sushi.
- Attempt to stay awake for 48 straight hours.
- Take a lint roller to every article of clothing.
- Camp out in the Loop waiting for a pinecone to drop.
- Count to one million. Twice.

— Student Life —



Jessica Carrier Whitworthian

Senior Corina Irimia rides a horse during the outdoor recreation trip last Saturday. The group consisted of 20 girls and outdoor rec coordinator Nate Swenson.

Staged reading highlights talents

Play focuses on lower class with themes of love and war

Blair Tellers
Staff writer

A group of Whitworth students performed a staged reading of George Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man" last Thursday evening in the Hixson Union Building.

Participants primarily consisted of students who are involved with the theatre department.

The reading was the first of eight that have been scheduled for this year. All are overseen and directed by senior Amy Bernard. This particular performance was organized by senior Noree Johnson, who acted as the play's narrator.

"The directors pick their cast," Johnson said. "Anybody can be in a staged reading, but they're mostly comprised of theatre majors and minors."

The play lasted a little over two hours and was given by a group of ten

participants who perched on stools and read their roles aloud.

The play, "Arms and the Man," is one of several pieces written by George Bernard Shaw, who was an Irish dramatist, literary critic, socialist spokesman and leading figure in 20th century theater.

Shaw was a freethinker, a supporter of women's rights and an advocate of equality of income.

At the end of the reading a discussion was led by professor of theatre Rick Hornor. He answered questions from the audience and provided brief commentary on the play's major themes and history.

Hornor praised the piece, describing it as possessing witty, biting satire and being very appropriate for our time and culture.

"It's a complicated and sophisticated piece that deserves our attention," Hornor said.

The play itself embodies two primary issues: love and war. It subtly and cleverly comments on things like social class and rank with political statements woven into humorous dialogue. Shaw's

plays, which are often characterized by paradox, are also known for their anti-climactic nature.

"Arms and the Man" is one in a series of what are known as Shaw's "unpleasant plays" – ideological attacks on the evils of capitalism and explorations of moral and social problems.

A unique aspect about the play is that a maid servant named Louka is the central character.

Hornor pointed out that given the time the play was written, it was a very rare thing to find a woman of lower class cast as the prominent figure in a play.

Freshman Ben Bonnema played the part of Captain Bluntschli.

"I liked that he was a real soldier and wasn't fake," Bonnema said. "Plus, Captain Bluntschli got the girl."

The play subtly mocks the glorification of love and war and the fact that people sometimes tend to pursue it out of mere enchantment and amusement.

"I thought it had some funny commentary about war and the pointlessness of it," Bonnema said.

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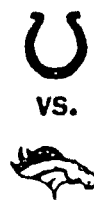
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Pirates extend winning streak to three

Sara Morehouse
Staff writer

Making the trip to Oregon paid off for the Whitworth Pirates last weekend, as the Pirates added two conference victories against the Lewis & Clark College Pioneers and the George Fox University Bruins, bringing their standings to 6-6 in the conference and 7-16 overall.

The Pirates won against the Pioneers last Friday 30-22, 30-28, 30-21.

"We were just determined to crush them after last time ... it was a confidence-boosting match," senior outside hitter Angie Florence said.

In game one, a six-point run, followed by a 9-1 run secured the lead and the first-game victory for the Pirates.

Florence offered the kill that broke a 27-27 tie in the close second game, while sophomore outside hitter Nikki Bardwell secured the win with a final kill. Fueled by the first two wins, Whitworth swept game three.

As a team, the Pirates attained a season-high hitting per-

centage of .256. Florence topped off the individual stats with 12 kills, 12 digs, seven aces and a block-assist. Sophomore middle blocker Holly Tomlin followed with 11 kills and a block-assist. Senior outside hitter Nicole Vander Meulen had 10 kills and an impressive hitting percentage of .400.

"Our passing was on and it seemed like they couldn't block us for anything," senior middle back Amy Newton said.

Last Saturday's match went to five games, giving Whitworth a 23-30, 30-24, 21-30, 30-28, 15-11 win against the Bruins.

Both teams battled through game one, holding each other to ties on every number from 6-6 to 12-12, with the Bruins prevailing 30-23.

Whitworth did not get a win until game two, when they fired off 18 kills and a single error, to the tune of a .436 hitting percentage.

George Fox hurried to a 9-1 lead in game three, which proved to be too much for the Pirates, who only came

within five points of the leaders the rest of the game. Whitworth answered with a win in game four, after four lead changes and eight ties.

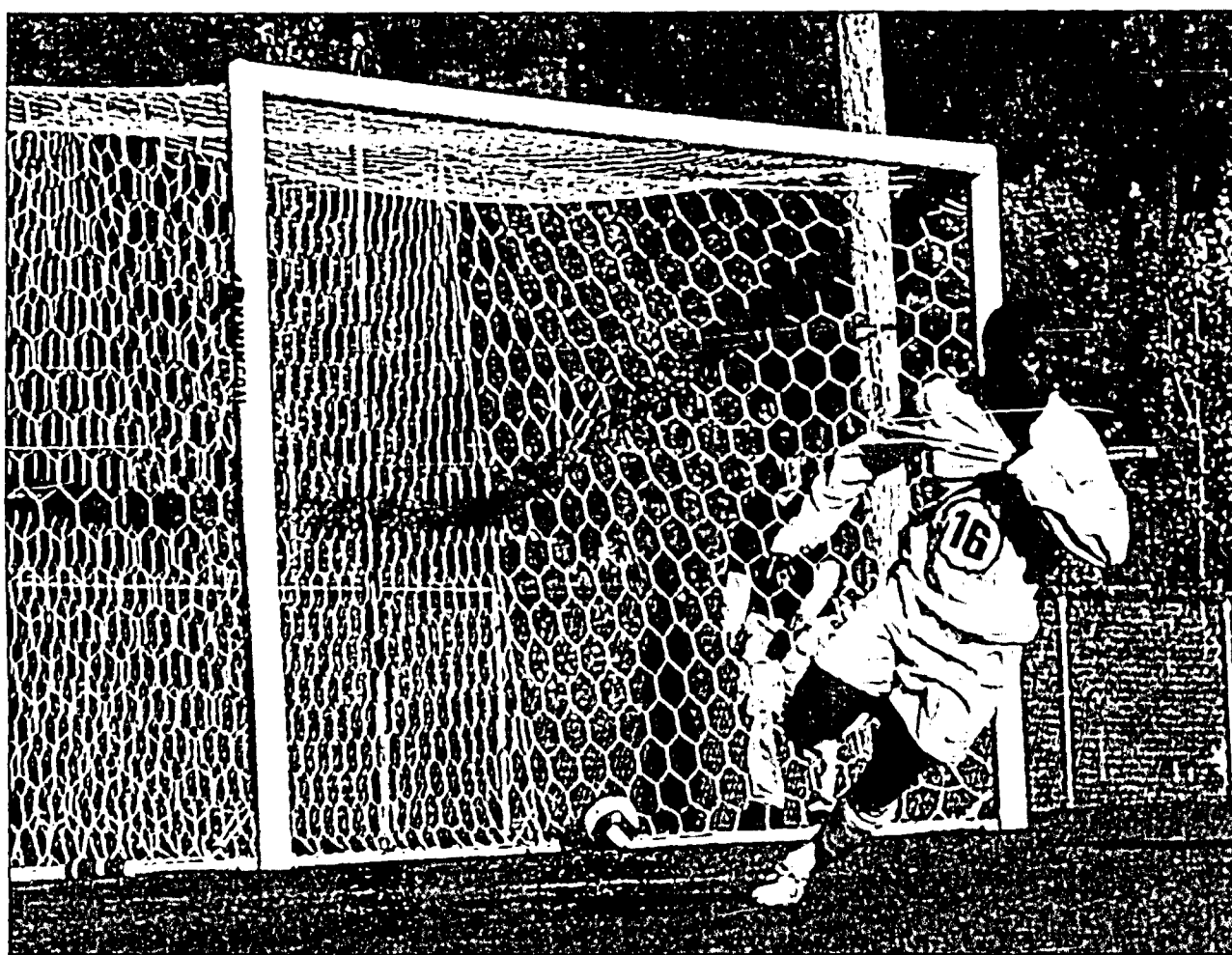
Game five sealed the match for the Pirates, who did not let George Fox come within a winning distance. Thirteen kills and two errors for a .458 hitting percentage gave Whitworth the victory.

"We knew that they were a stronger defensive team, so we wanted to match the defense [offensively]," Newton said.

Sophomore setter Holly Ridings gave her season-high of 65 assists. Florence dominated the kills with 22. Vander Meulen followed closely with 21, Bardwell had 16 and Tomlin had 13.

Junior libero Cassie Moore led both teams with 19 digs, while Florence was a close second with 18. Ridings had 16 and sophomore setter Jenna Hays had 14. Of the teams 10 blocks, senior middle back Tamra Stark had eight.

The Pirates play host to the University of Puget Sound this Friday and Pacific Lutheran University this Saturday.



Breanne Durham/Whitworthian

As the ball lies in the back of the net, junior Curtis Flournoy celebrates his goal in the Pirates' 4-0 win over Pacific.

Late goals lead Pirates

Men win OT thriller to cap sweep of Pacific, Linfield

Colin Storm
Sports Editor

Whitworth junior midfielder Skye Henderson showed a flair for the dramatic when he scored just over a minute into overtime last Sunday to defeat the Linfield College Wildcats and keep playoff hopes alive for the Pirates.

Both teams had many chances to score, but each goalkeeper made a number of significant saves to keep their respective teams in the match.

Wildcats goalkeeper Grant Williams was tested first when junior midfielder Matt Friesen out-jumped a Linfield defender in front of the net and headed the ball toward the goal. Williams dove to his right and got enough of the ball to prevent the goal by knocking it out of bounds.

Only minutes later, Linfield forward Adam Jaffe was found wide-open on a cross, but Pirates senior goalkeeper Kevin Bostock came out to block Jaffe's shot. Two minutes later, Linfield forward Chris Paradis hit the crossbar off a free kick about 10 yards outside the box. The score remained tied 0-0 until halftime.

The Pirates came out strong in the second half, dominating possession and keeping the pressure on the Wildcats. But in the 52nd minute, Linfield earned a penalty

A pair of late goals give women two wins over Oregon teams

Elise Page
Staff writer

Last weekend, the women's soccer team celebrated two victories against the Pacific University Boxers and the Linfield College Wildcats at home last weekend.

Last Saturday, the Pirates used an early goal and a late goal, both by junior forward Greta Thibodeau, to defeat the Boxers. Thibodeau, assisted by senior defender Katy Jones, scored the first goal just 1:16 into the first half.

The girls maintained the lead into the second half and had many opportunities to score, but couldn't quite follow through.

"The crossbar was our best friend," freshman forward Stephanie Wipf said.

The Pirates dominated most of the game with 23 shots to Pacific's three. The Boxers' one shot on goal was by Meghan Fredette. Fredette lofted that shot from the right side over Pirates junior goalkeeper Leah Motz to score and tie the game in the 59th minute.

"It's good that we could come back after Pacific's tying goal to win the game," freshman midfielder Shea Nakasone said.

With 43 seconds left in the game, Thibodeau scored her second goal of the match unassisted. She took a ball from

Allan breaks record in Pirates' win

Justin Jose
Staff writer

The Pirates continued their undefeated streak with another dominant performance over host Menlo College Oaks last Saturday, in a 26-7 win.

Along with the win came record-breaking performance from senior tight end Michael Allan, who broke the number of career touchdown receptions with 25.



ALLAN

Allan set the record in the first quarter with 1:48 left, when senior quarterback Joel Clark hit Allan from 28 yards out for the score. With the catch, Allan surpassed the old mark of 24 held by former Pirate player and coach Sam Adams.

"It was a perfect pass from Joel (Clark) that was put in a place that only I could catch it. They ran a cover two and a quick hit seem route up the sidelines was the perfect play to beat them," Allan said.

The Whitworth defense limited the Oaks to 202 total yards and surrendered only their second touchdown to an opponent in the last 14 quarters of play.

The defense also had a takeaway in the third quarter when junior defensive back Phil Entel picked off Oaks quarterback Gregg Parker and raced 70 yards untouched for the score.

"My interception only happened because of some outstanding play by other defensive players. It was perfect how the ball was tipped and I was coming down to tackle the receiver that I thought was going to get the pass," Entel said. "The ball hit me in perfect stride and all I had to do was to out run the Menlo QB."

Entel also made a touchdown saving tackle on the last play of the half when he stopped Oaks running back Drew Faria at the one-yard line.

Junior linebacker Casey Clifton led the Pirates with eight tackles and several QB hurries, while junior linebacker Greg Caster chipped in with seven solo stops. Senior linebacker Tyler Hall rounded out the linebacker core with six tackles and a sack.

The Pirates started the scoring on their first possession when senior kicker Cameron Collings booted a 33-yard field goal putting the Pirates up 3-0. Later in the quarter, Clark hit Allan for the score from 28 yards out giving Allan sole possession of the record and putting the Pirates up 10. With a little over five minutes in the half, Collings added another field goal, this one from 38 yards making it 13-0.

The Oaks ended up picking off Clark with 1:33 remaining in the half. The Oaks drove the ball from the Pirate 33-yard line but Entel stopped the Oaks from scoring with his saving tackle on the one-yard line.

When the second half started, the Oaks continued

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Pirates warm up for NWC Meet

KT Pridgen
Staff writer

While the top runners on the Whitworth cross country team rested up for the Northwest Conference Championships, the remainder of the team competed in their final meet of the season at the Lewis-Clark State Open in Lewiston, Idaho.

Both teams finished sixth, with Lewis-Clark State College taking first place on the women's side and Spokane Falls Community College taking first on the men's side.

On the women's team, freshman Emily Morehouse finished 23rd and led the Pirates with a time of 19:30 on the 5-kilometer course. Running second for Whitworth

was sophomore Kim Henderson who finished 30th in 19:28.

"Almost everyone PR'd. Everyone did really well and it was a really fast course for all of us," Morehouse said.

Junior Bryan Jones finished the 8-kilometer course first for the Pirates with a time of 27:59, good for 37th place overall. He was followed closely by teammate and freshman Chris Baldwin, who finished 38th with a time of 28:00. Calin Hantau of Lewis-Clark State College won the men's race in 25:19.

"I thought it was a pretty good race," Jones said. "We started out conservative and towards the back, but together we all moved up and that helped us."

The fast course also contributed to the suc-

cess of the team.

"It was a hilly course with a lot of good downhill," Jones said.

As a team, the men were happy with the results of last meet of the season.

"The boys all felt it was a good way to finish the season. It was a good effort," Jones said.

Both Jones and Morehouse were pleased with how the season turned out.

"It's been a challenging season. We've been working harder and trying harder. It was a good season because we've been pushing ourselves to be our best," Jones said.

Yet, as Morehouse pointed out, there is still more to come from the team.

"It was an awesome season and not everyone's done yet," Morehouse said.

The rest of the cross country team will run in the NWC Championships this Saturday at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash.

"The boys all felt it was a good way to finish the season. It was a good effort."

Bryan Jones,
Junior runner



Senior Jael Hagerott controls the ball as Pacific's Tessa Krebs tries to steal the ball. Whitworth defeated the Boxers 2-1 on a late goal last Saturday.

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outside the box with her back turned, pivoted to her right and sent the ball above the head of Pacific goalkeeper Shannon Tillman to secure a victory against the Boxers. It was Pacific's 10th straight loss.

"We brought home the big 'W,' but it could've been better," freshman midfielder Lindsey Oakes said.

On Saturday, the girls celebrated another 2-1 victory against the Linfield Wildcats, though Linfield had a very aggressive first half and Whitworth struggled.

"It was sort of like watching ping-pong," sophomore midfielder Mahyo Seyedali said.

The first goal of the game was scored in the 14th minute by Linfield's Chelsea Stoltz, whose shot was almost saved by Motz, but settled into the back of the net.

The Pirates had a few opportunities to score in the first half, but they were never quite executed.

Sophomore forward Penelope Crowe had an opportunity to score off a pass from junior midfielder Jael Hagerott, but the ball went high above the goal. Hagerott made another attempt in the first half that was also stopped by Wildcat keeper Allison Cartmill.

Early in the second half, Hagerott tied the match when she beat two defenders to the inside and fired past Cartmill into the upper right corner in the 47th minute.

In the 84th minute, sophomore defender Kelly Baker scored the winning goal from Oakes' assist, as she headed the ball past Cartmill off a corner kick for her first goal of the season.

"We just kept persevering. We knew it would come if we were patient," Baker said. "Lindsey (Oakes) passed the perfect ball and I had the perfect header and it was in."

The Pirates are still in the running for the conference title as they are tied for second with Willamette University, because of Willamette's loss to University of Puget Sound. Next week the Pirates hit the road to take on the UPS and Pacific Lutheran University.

Imperfect BCS better than college playoff

Peter Smelser
Editor-in-Chief

The second set of Bowl Championship Series standings are out and controversy is already starting to boil.

Which team should be second in the standings? Is Texas ranked too high or too low? And what's the deal with undefeated West Virginia and their position?

All these questions and comments will only spur discussion of changing the current BCS system and moving to a playoff to determine college football's king.

However, a playoff for Division I college football is not the answer.

To avoid further controversy the NCAA would need to enact an eight-team playoff. This would add three extra games for the two teams in the championship.

The games that would be required to win the national title would put an incredible physical burden on the players.

Earlier this season Auburn out-slugged Southeastern Conference rival LSU and sealed a 7-3 victory in the final seconds. After the game Auburn head coach Tommy Tuberville called the game very violent. Other sports commentators said that the LSU-Auburn game was the closest any college contest had come to matching its professional counterpart.

Just magnify the smash-mouth football played in the SEC, by all teams, to the national level and you can begin to see what a playoff would look like. This past week Alabama, the fourth-best team in the SEC West, took No. 7 Tennessee to the wire before losing.

Teams already play anywhere from two-to-four elite games during the season. If a playoff were added, student-ath-

letes would be forced to win three elite games in a row to claim the title of being number one.

Injuries would also be very likely to occur.

Last year's Orange Bowl saw Penn State linebacker Paul Posluszny, winner of the 2005 Bednarik Award as the na-

tion's top defensive player, injured his right knee. During the 2002 National Championship, Miami lost All-American running back Willis McGahee to a knee injury in the early fourth quarter. They later lost the game in overtime. This year the leading Heisman trophy candidate, Oklahoma running back

Adrian Peterson, broke his collarbone at the end of a 53-yard touchdown run.

There are many other aspects to a team game like college football, but injuries would be a big part of a playoff system.

Hypothetically, let's say last year there was a playoff. In round one of the playoff, Texas quarterback Vince Young gets hurt in the first round of the playoff. Texas then would have to win more games without their leader and best player. It would rob the team and fans of a chance to really see who the best team in the country is.

The national championship in a playoff system would go to the team who is the healthiest at the end of the season. Not necessarily the best team.

The cost of a playoff is potentially too high.

These are student-athletes, not professionals. To ask them to go out and potential ruin careers, so fans can have sense of closure is just selfish.

The BCS is not perfect, but it is better for us to agonize over who gets, then what and wonder what could have been if so-and-so could play.

FOR PETE'S SAKE

RECORD: Entel returns interception for TD

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their momentum from the end of the first half when they easily scored in two plays set up by a 48-yard run from running back Tau Faumuina.

The Pirate defense stole it back when Entel grabbed a tipped pass and took it to the end zone.

With the score, the Pirates held a commanding 20-7 lead and the momentum shifted back to the Pirates.

Clark finished off the scoring when he hit junior

running back Kyle Havercroft from 27 yards for the touchdown. Collings' ensuing PAT was blocked, marking the first miss all year for Collings.

Clark finished the contest completing 19 of 33 passes for 255 yards, with two scores and an interception.

The Pirates wide-out core was led by junior wide receiver Steve Silva who caught eight passes for 83 yards, while Allan caught four passes for 60 yards and a score.

The Oaks held the Pi-

rates to 63 yards on 32 carries, alongside two sacks on Clark.

Menlo was led by Faumuina who ran for 77 yards while Oaks quarterbacks Parker and backup Adam Hazel combined for 13 of 29 passing for 69 yards and one interception.

The Pirates move to 7-0 and 3-0 in the NWC. Whitworth remains the 11th-ranked team in the D3football.com national poll. The Pirates will host the Willamette University Bearcats this Saturday at 1 p.m.

Sports BRIEFS

Tigers rebound from Game One loss, tie series

After dropping Game One of the 2006 World Series to the St. Louis Cardinals 7-2, the Detroit Tigers responded by holding on to a 3-1 victory last Sunday to even the series at 1-1. Tigers pitcher Kenny Rogers extended his consecutive scoreless innings streak to 23 in the win.

Craig Monroe homered in the first inning and Carlos Guillen doubled-in Magglio Ordonez to open a 2-0 lead after the first inning. Tigers closer Todd Jones gave up a run before loading the bases in the top of the ninth, but got Yadier Molina in a force out to end the game.

Hasselbeck goes down with sprained knee

Seattle Seahawks Pro Bowl quarterback Matt Hasselbeck, left last Sunday's game against the Minnesota Vikings after spraining his knee. On the first possession of the second half, Hasselbeck threw an incomplete pass, but was hit by E.J. Henderson after planting his right foot. Back-up quarterback Seneca Wallace replaced Hasselbeck who did not return to the game.

Chargers LB suspended for steroid use

San Diego Chargers linebacker Shawne Merriman has been suspended four games for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy. Merriman, the NFL's defensive Rookie of the Year last season, reached the Pro Bowl.

Rams coach asks for NFL review of call

St. Louis Rams head coach Scott Linehan, unhappy with their game against the Seattle Seahawks due to a late call, wants the NFL to reconsider the rule of the 10-second run-off that cost his team a victory. With four seconds left the referees threw the flag after Matt Hasselbeck spiked the ball to stop the clock. After the flag went up the Rams started celebrating in hopes that the penalty against the Seahawks would require a 10-second run-off giving the win to the Rams.

The Seahawks were flagged for illegal formation, not a false start. An illegal formation moves the ball back five yards, while the false start runs 10 seconds off the clock. Seahawks kicker Josh Brown hit a field goal to win 30-28.

—Compiled by
Yasmine Cobb



Football

	NWC	ALL
Whitworth	3-0	7-0
Linfield	3-0	4-2
UPS	2-2	5-2
PLU	2-2	2-5
Willamette	1-2	1-5
Menlo	1-3	3-4
L&C	0-3	0-6

Next Pirate game:
Whitworth vs. Willamette
Saturday, Oct. 28 @ 1 p.m.

Women's Soccer

	NWC	ALL
UPS	9-1-2	11-1-3
Willamette	9-2-1	12-2-2
Whitworth	9-2-1	11-2-2
PLU	7-3-2	10-4-2
Whitman	5-3-4	5-4-4
George Fox	3-7-2	5-9-2
Linfield	3-7-2	5-9-2
L&C	1-10-1	3-12-1
Pacific	0-11-1	2-11-2

Next Pirate game:
Whitworth at Puget Sound
Saturday, Oct. 28 @ 11 a.m.

Men's Soccer

	NWC	ALL
Whitworth	8-1-2	9-3-3
UPS	7-1-2	10-1-2
PLU	6-3-1	9-5-1
Pacific	5-5-1	8-5-1
Linfield	4-5-2	7-6-2
Whitman	4-5-2	5-5-2
George Fox	2-7-1	6-7-2
Willamette	0-9-1	1-13-1

Next Pirate game:
Whitworth at Puget Sound
Saturday, Oct. 28 @ 1:30 p.m.

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kick after a Wildcat was dribbling from right to left across the top of the box, where he and a Whitworth defender both fell down.

But Bostock again came up with a save, diving to his left to save the shot by forward Mike Grabast. After Whitworth cleared the ball, the Pirates used the save to gain momentum, outshooting the Wildcats the rest of the game 12-4.

"The coaches tell me to practice reacting to the ball off his foot on penalty kicks," Bostock said. "I have a tendency to guess early, but I made a point of it to sit and wait. I think I guessed a little too early this time, but I made the save ... it was an educated guess."

After shots by senior defender Adam Loeffler and senior forward Chris Johnson were saved by Williams in the 61st and 62nd minute, the Pirates got the ball back. Johnson dribbled the ball down the right side and sent a shot to the opposite post that beat Williams. But a defender was there, standing on the goal line and made the save by getting his body in front of the ball.

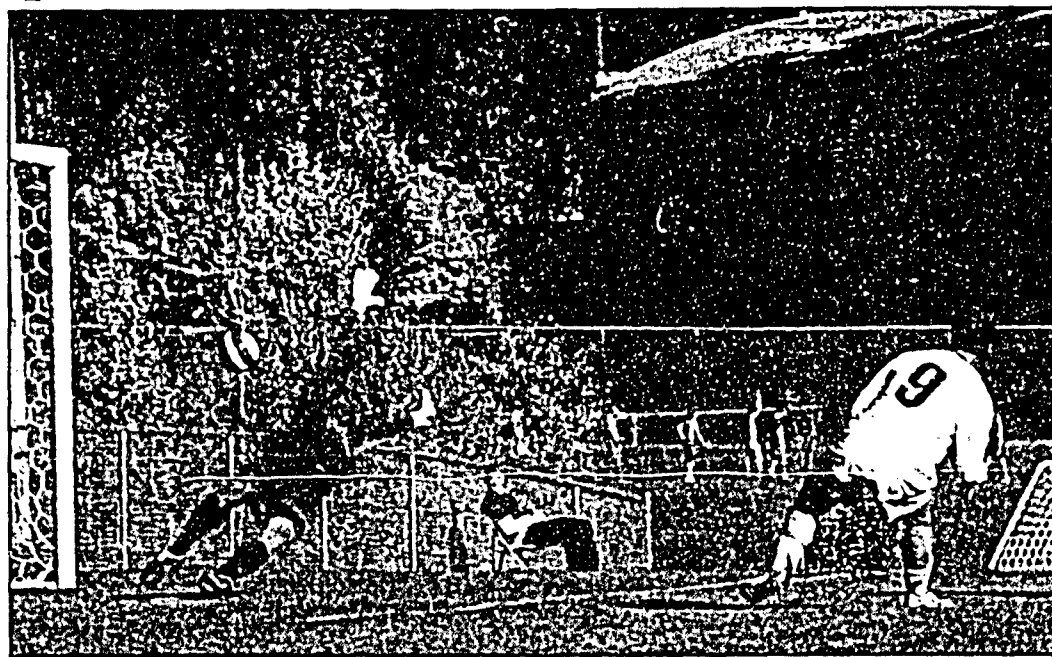
In the 89th minute, Pirates senior midfielder Ali Seyedali had a free kick from just outside the top of the box, but bent it just wide as Williams dove to his right.

Linfield had one more opportunity with a corner kick at the end of regulation, but Bostock made a save over a Wildcat after the ball was initially headed into the air.

In overtime, the Pirates had the first opportunity after kickoff. Forty-five seconds into overtime, junior forward Curtis Flournoy headed a shot that went just wide of the goal. After Williams booted the ball to midfield, Seyedali trapped it, sent it to senior forward Niko Varlamos on the right side.

Varlamos headed the ball to Flournoy on the left side. He headed that pass to the top of the box to a wide open Henderson. Henderson shot it to the left post, where Williams dove, but could not make the save for the only goal in a 1-0 victory.

"It was the first time in the game I wasn't



Breanne Durham/Whitworthian

Senior Niko Varlamos watches his shot beat Pacific Univ. goalkeeper Jory Shene last Saturday. Varlamos' goal put the Pirates up 2-0 in the first half in a 4-0 win.

thinking," Henderson said. "Every other time I was thinking, 'You have to score, don't screw up.'"

But to make the Linfield game last Sunday count for anything, the Pirates had to first get by Pacific University last Saturday. The Boxers had upset Whitworth earlier in the season 1-0. But the Pirates ended the threat of another upset early.

Just over 13 minutes into the game, Friesen found the back of the net from 18 yards out after Johnson found him.

In the 26th minute, Friesen led a three-on-two attack down the right side, where he sent a cross to Johnson. But the pass skipped by Johnson and the Boxer defender who was marking him and found a wide-open Varlamos on the left side. Varlamos extended the lead to 2-0, beating Boxer goalkeeper Jory Shene.

Seconds after being substituted into the game, Flournoy scored a goal after beating a Boxer defender to create a breakaway after Varlamos sent the ball to him. Flournoy picked up a yellow

card for unsportsmanlike celebration after sprinting over to the stands, climbing up and hugging his mom.

Junior midfielder Ryan Powers capped the scoring in the 41st minute after beating his defender on the right side, cutting inside and sending a left-footed shot on the inside of the post past Shene.

The Pirates used the four first half goals to seal a 4-0 win.

The wins kept the Pirates in first place of the Northwest Conference. They will play at the University of Puget Sound this Saturday and Pacific Lutheran University this Sunday. The Loggers currently occupy second place and the Lutes occupy third.

"It's championship weekend," Henderson said.

Bostock added that every game is important. "The wins this weekend were a huge confidence boost for us," Bostock said. "Now from here on out all the games are playoff games."

CONFERENCE BRIEFS

Football

Quarterback Trevor Scharer passed for 291 yards with four touchdowns and Scott Birkhofer tied a Linfield College record with five field goals as the Wildcats defeated the Pacific Lutheran University Lutes, 44-21 last Saturday in Tacoma, Wash. Scharer connected with Tyler Kaluza on three of his scoring passes. The first was a 3-yard play that came with 2:50 left in the first quarter and put the Wildcats ahead to stay, 10-7. With 5:22 left in the half, Scharer found Kaluza on a 38-yard touchdown and on the first play of the fourth period Scharer found Kaluza one more time for 22 yards and another score.

Men's Soccer

After starting out the NWC season fast and even leading the standings at one point, the Pacific University Boxers dropped two straight decisions last weekend. After losing to Whitworth 4-0 last Saturday, the Boxers lost to the Whitman College Missionaries 3-2 last Sunday. Whitman took the early lead when senior Jon Rue scored his first goal of the season in the 13th minute off a pass from Kevin Sigley. Rue ran to the right corner of the box, curled back around a defender and fired a shot to the far post. With 22 minutes left, Craig Yuen kicked home a penalty kick to go ahead 3-1 and clinch the victory.

Women's Soccer

The University of Puget Sound Loggers moved into first place in the NWC after a 2-1 win over the Willamette University Bearcats last Saturday. The Loggers got on the board when Katie Gillette took a cross from Adrienne Folsom in the 17th minute to give the 22nd-ranked Loggers a 1-0 lead over the 15th-ranked Bearcats. Willamette evened things up in the 70th minute when Meghan Anderson dribbled up and put the ball in the upper right corner to beat Logger goalkeeper Kallie Wolfer. Following a red card to Willamette's Michelle Gregoire, Folsom converted on a free kick from 30 yards out for the 2-1 lead and win.

Volleyball

Down two games to one at Willamette University, the 21st-ranked Pacific Lutheran University Lutes took advantage of six kills by Kati McGinn and five kills from Kelcy Joynt, as the Lutes won 30-21. Willamette cut the advantage to five points at 25-20, but PLU tallied five of the next six points to force a fifth game. In the fifth game, the Lutes used a 9-1 run to take care of the Bearcats 15-8 and preserve their undefeated NWC record. PLU was led by McGinn who finished with 20 kills, 22 digs, four service aces and three block assists. Stacie Matz had 18 kills and 10 digs, while Gina Di Maggio contributed 10 kills, 10 digs, 54 assists and six blocks. Megan Kosel led all players for both teams with 26 digs. Setter Jessica Drumm recorded 46 assists and 12 digs. Alona Lyamin earned 21 digs to lead the Bearcats.

under the LIGHTS

with
Meghan Johnson
midfielder

Go-Getter

"Meg is important to the team. She is a go-getter and helps pump others up. She always has a positive attitude and is a good role model for the younger players," teammate Nicole Starkey said.

Family Ties

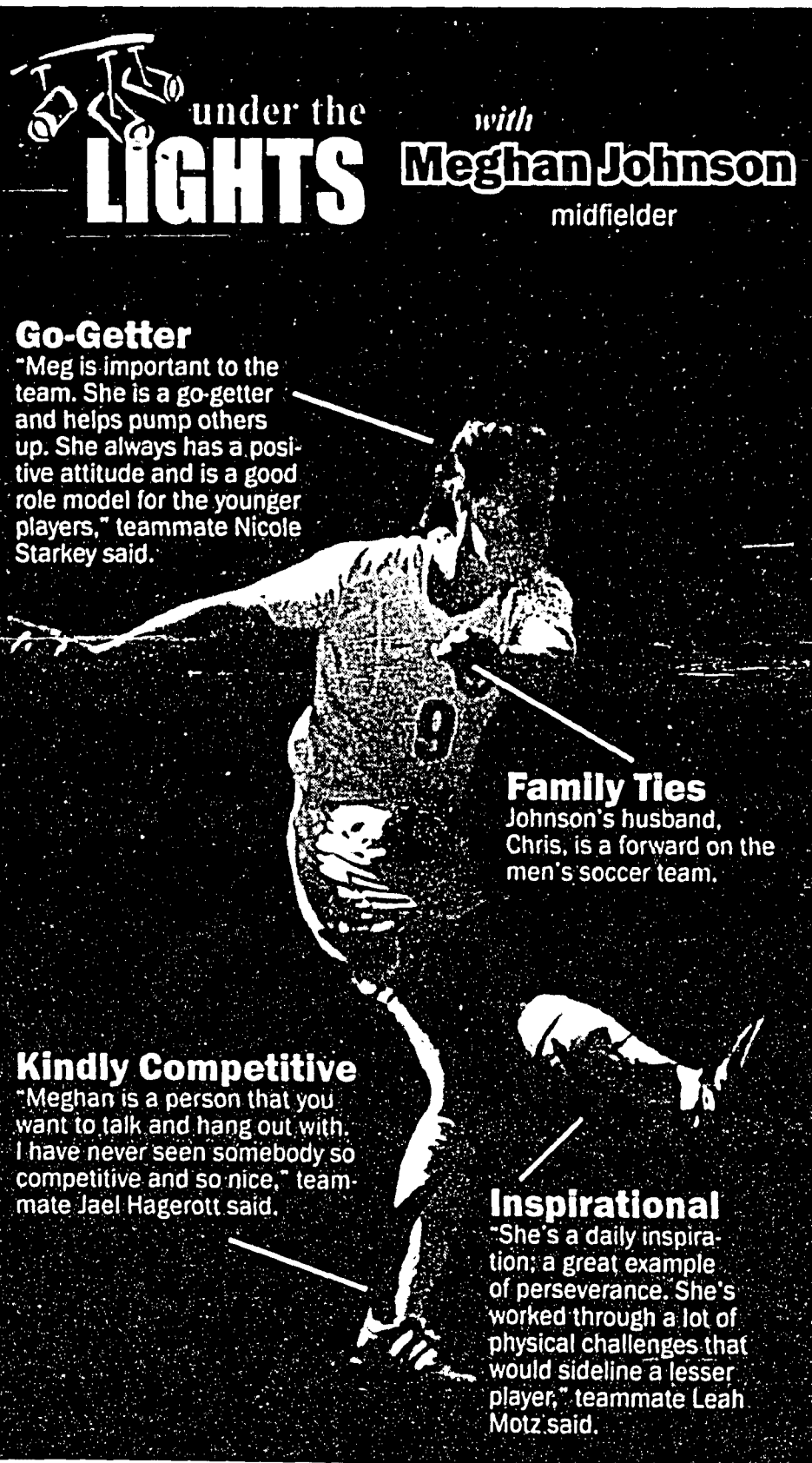
Johnson's husband, Chris, is a forward on the men's soccer team.

Kindly Competitive

"Meghan is a person that you want to talk and hang out with. I have never seen somebody so competitive and so nice," teammate Jael Hagerott said.

Inspirational

"She's a daily inspiration; a great example of perseverance. She's worked through a lot of physical challenges that would sideline a lesser player," teammate Leah Motz said.



SPECIAL FEATURE

When tragedy hits sports

Collin Storm Sports Editor

When New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle was killed in a plane crash on Wednesday, Oct. 11, we were reminded that athletes are not immune to tragedy. Every-so-often an athlete is killed in a plane crash, bus accident or other incident. Some occur during the season while traveling, others happen after the season has concluded when the athletes are traveling at their own leisure. We look back and remember some of the more famous incidents of athletes whose lives were cut short.



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Roberto Clemente (1972)

On New Year's Eve 1972, Roberto Clemente was on his way to Nicaragua to deliver aid to earthquake victims, but his plane crashed off the coast of his native Puerto Rico. Clemente spent most of his time in the off-season doing charity work.

Every year, Major League Baseball honors a player who reflects Clemente's humanitarian work with an award named in his honor.

Clemente is known widely as the best Latino baseball player in history and was honored as one of the best 100 players of all time according to The Sporting News.

When he died, Clemente was in the heart of his career. He batted .341 in 1971 and was named the World Series MVP when his Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Baltimore Orioles. To win the MVP, Clemente batted .414, made spectacular defensive plays and hit a solo home run in a 2-1 Game Seven win. In his last at-bat in the 1972 season, Clemente picked up his 3,000 career hit.

His body was never recovered.

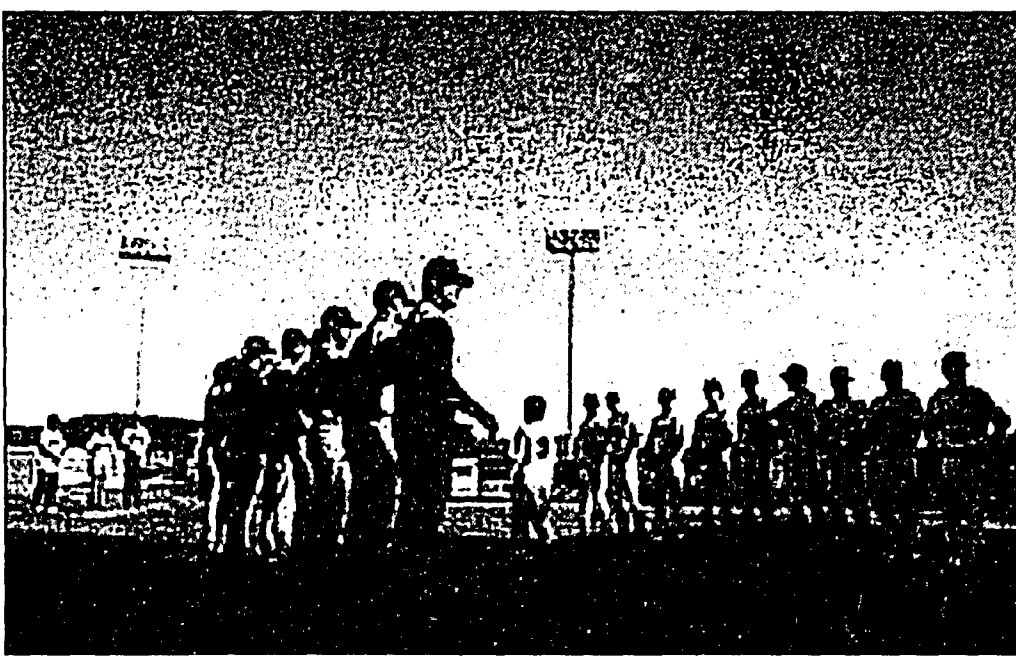
Marshall University Football (1970)

A chartered airplane carrying 75 Marshall University football team members, coaches and fans, crashed near Huntington upon return from North Carolina.

On Nov. 14, 1970, Marshall lost a 17-14 heart breaker at East Carolina which was their sixth loss in nine games. Still, as the group boarded Southern Airways DC-9 in Greenville, N.C. there was a feeling of hope as they had escaped recruiting scandals only a few years earlier.

At 7:42 p.m., as the plane was landing, it clipped the tops of the trees west of the runway and crashed into an Appalachian hillside with a full-load of fuel. Onboard were 37 players, 25 supporters, eight coaches and five crew members. None survived the fiery crash.

The incident inspired a 2006 movie called "We Are Marshall" which is set to be released in the United States on Dec. 22, about the aftermath of the plane crash including the new Marshall football team, formed after the crash and called the "Young Thundering Herd."



On June 24, 2006, the Spokane Indians honored the 60th anniversary of the tragedy. Those who lost their lives and the family members who live were commemorated with a moment of silence during a pre-game ceremony.

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Spokane Indians Baseball (1946)

A bus carrying the Spokane Indians crashed in Snoqualmie Pass on June 24, 1946, en route to a game in Bremerton, Wash. Nine players were killed and six were injured.

U.S. 10 was the route the bus used that night and, according to bus driver Glen Berg, as dusk approached and rain fell, an eastbound black car crossed the center line about four miles west of the summit and headed straight for the bus.

Berg swerved to the right shoulder, but the car still hit part of the bus. The bus veered off the road and took out 125 feet of the protective barrier along the side of the road. It then careened over the edge, falling 300 to 500 feet into the ravine below. The bus rolled three times, tossing several players out through broken windows, and came to rest right-side-up before bursting into flames.

Six players died including Fred Mar-

tinez, Bob James, Bob Kinnaman, Bob Paterson, George Risk and player-manager Mel Cole.

First baseman Vic Picetti died on arrival at King County Hospital in Seattle. Pitcher George Lyden died from his injuries the next day and catcher Chris Hartje died two days later from serious burns. All the players who died, except Picetti, had served in World War II. The black car has remained a mystery.

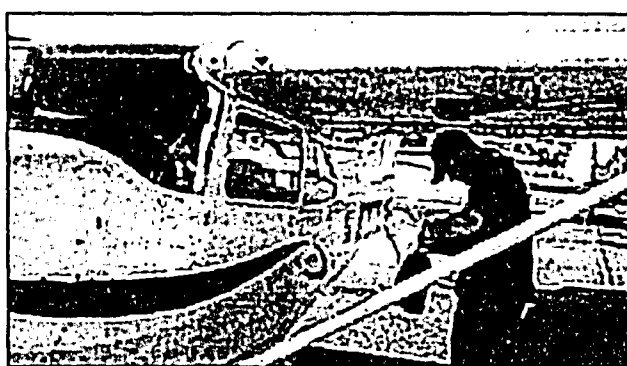


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Cory Lidle (2006)

A small plane carrying Lidle and his flight instructor, Tyler Stanger, jettisoned into a 40-story building in downtown Manhattan. Lidle was known to have loved flying, claiming that while you're up in the air, no matter what is happening in your life, everything is gone.

"The flying?" the 34-year-old Lidle, who had a home near Los Angeles, told The Philadelphia Inquirer this summer. "I'm not worried about it. I'm safe up there. I feel very comfortable with my abilities flying an airplane."

The crash came just four days after the Yankees had been eliminated by the Detroit Tigers in the 2006 playoffs. After cleaning out his locker, Lidle had talked to reporters about his plans to fly back to California in a few days, but said he was going to make a few stops along the way.

Apparently, Lidle and Stanger were sight-seeing around New York and had intended to fly over locations such as the Statue of Liberty. Lidle had a reservation at the historic Union Station Hotel in Nashville, Tenn., that night.

Lidle is survived by his wife, Melanie, and his six-year-old son, Christopher.

Oklahoma State Basketball (2001)

While returning from a game in Colorado on Jan. 27, 2001, two Oklahoma State University basketball players and six staff members and broadcasters were killed when their plane crashed in a snowstorm. The plane, which was one of three that the school charters on road trips, crashed just after take-off, 40 miles east of Denver.



LAWSON



FLEMING

Ten people were killed including players Nate Fleming and Dan Lawson, sports information employee Will Hancock, director of basketball operations Pat Noyes, trainer Brian Luinstra, student manager Jared Weiberg, broadcast engineer Kendall Durfee, broadcaster Bill Teegins, pilot Denver Mills and co-pilot Bjorn Falstrom.

The Beechcraft King Air 200 Catpass, which seats 11 passengers, crashed at about 5:35 p.m., said Jerry Snyder, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration.

Eyewitnesses said they heard a loud engine sound and saw a fireball.

Lawson was a redshirt junior from Detroit who played minutes off the bench, including that night against Colorado. He had played in every game that season, averaging two points per game. Fleming was a redshirt freshman from Edmond, Okla. who did not play in the game against Colorado.



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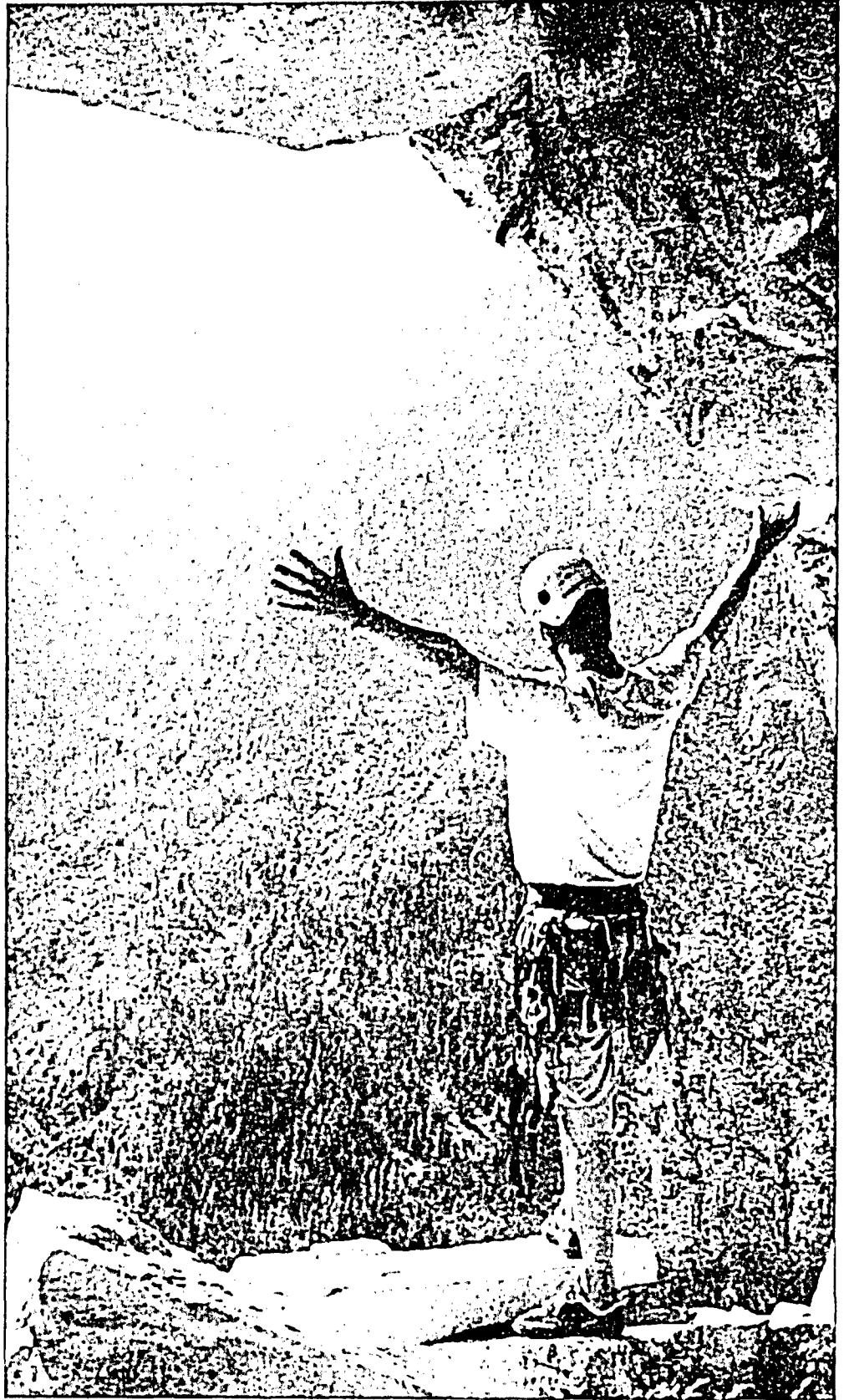
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MIDDLE LEFT: Junior Kalen Eshoff tie-dyes a shirt in the Stewart lounge last Saturday.
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ABOVE LEFT: Sophomores Brad Wakefield and Kristin

Valentine gaze at changing leaves.
Breanne Durham Whitworthian

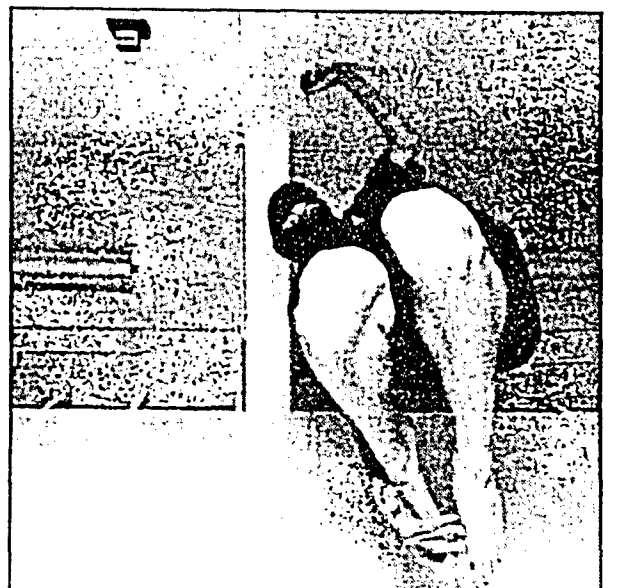
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Breanne Durham Whitworthian

TOP RIGHT: Senior Ryan Hackbarth looks out from a quartz cave by Icicle Creek near Leavenworth, Wash.
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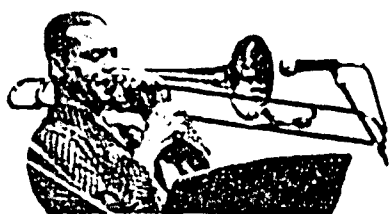
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RIGHT: Junior Matt Park attempts to eat a banana without his hands Oct. 18.
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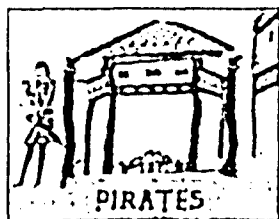
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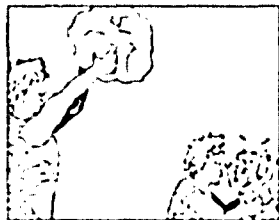
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PLAYOFF BOUND



Steve Clark/Whitworthian

Whitworth football celebrates following their victory over the University of Puget Sound last Saturday. The team set a school record with 10 wins in a single season.

Whitworth football made history last Saturday by defeating the University of Puget Sound 44-27, capping the Pirates undefeated 10-0 season.

Last weekend's victory was just an exclamation mark for a season that featured two marquee wins for Whitworth. The Pirates first win came over Willamette, who had won the previous three meetings, including an overtime thriller that knocked Whitworth out of the playoffs last season.

The second victory over Linfield ended their six-year run of conference dominance. The 17-13 game gave the Pirates their first win in McMinnville, Ore., ever and snapped a losing streak to the Wildcats that dates back to 1983.

Accolades are certain to stream in for players performances this year. The Pirates will host a first round playoff game this Saturday at noon in the Pine Bowl.

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Students struggle with Core revisions

Candace Pontoni
Guest writer

The Core 150 program differs significantly from past versions of the class, with recent changes to the exam structure resulting in fewer high-end grades and an increase in study time for students.

Students enrolled in Core 150 during fall of last year scored, on average, a 78.7 percent on their first exam, while this year's students scored an average of 73.9 percent on the same test, associate professor of theology Keith Beebe said.

Beebe, the Core 150 team leader, said the changes to Core 150 program were made in an effort to push students to absorb class material instead of simply memorizing it.

"We want them to be studying generally," Beebe said.

"This year students are required to take what they've learned, and thoughtfully explain it instead of just regurgitating."

The overhaul of the course included restructuring the exam format and eliminating the study guides that have been available to students in previous years.

"We've went from a format where we gave in advance all the possible terms we might ask," Beebe said.

Now, instead of study guides that list specific material, students are given exam instructions, which are general and meant to help students focus their studying in certain directions, he said.

"We've reduced the number of argumentative papers from seven to five," Beebe said. "And changed the point value of the exams, so that they're

worth a little more because of the reduction of written assignments."

The increased value of exams, and the increased breadth of study instructions, have overwhelmed many Core 150 students.

"I really like the fact that they're trying to get us to have a deeper knowledge of the material, but at the same time I think they're going about it the wrong way," Kelly McCrillis, a sophomore enrolled in the course, said.

McCrillis believes that the teachers should tell students what areas to study, instead of requiring them to have detailed knowledge of everything covered in the course.

"You just have to study what you know and hope you get lucky," he said.

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A student chews on his fingernails during a Core 150 test last Friday.

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Background checks required

Criminal investigation leads to checks on all new Board members

James Spung
Staff writer

Criminal background checks are now being performed on all new employees and members of the Board of Trustees. Two separate resolutions, one for employees and one for Trustees, were approved last month.

While the policy of background checks on new employees has been in the works for some time, the same policy involving new Trustees was decided in response to former trustee Tom Delanty. He left the Board almost two years ago and is now under criminal investigation, director of human resources Dolores Humiston said.

"The decision [requiring background checks on new trustees] was both routine and a reaction to the issue," said Chuck Boppell, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Delanty was accused of mishandling money entrusted to him by an investor, Boppell said. He added that so far, no charges have been filed, although Delanty's actions are under investigation.

Delanty, who was elected to the Board in 1999, chose not to stand for reelection in April 2005. The Board of Trustees currently has 36 members, and all new trustees are elected by

the full board.

Although Delanty's situation has not directly involved Whitworth, the Board was "troubled" by his situation, Boppell said.

"The Board wants to make sure that their members are going to represent the college well," Humiston said.

As a result, criminal background checks are mandatory for new members of the Board. While the Board of Trustees developed this policy themselves, they had little to do with the resolution requiring background checks on faculty.

"I was part of the decision on the background checks on trustees, but the decision [of checks] on faculty comes from the President and his cabinet and is just approved by the Board," Boppell said.

Whitworth's former policy required background checks on all staff, or non-faculty and non-student employees. Checks are run through ADT Business Security and are generally used to confirm a potential employee's educational records or investigate criminal convictions.

"Generally, we're looking at criminal conviction records. We also want to verify credentials and employment records, asking 'Is what they've presented in their application true?'" Humiston said.

Humiston added that credit checks are typically run on employees who will deal with financial affairs.

In terms of what findings may disqualify a potential employee, Humiston said it depends on the situation.

"If someone has something show up on their criminal record from 20 years ago, we have to ask if it's relevant to the job they would be doing. It's a judgment area," Humiston said.

Any kind of crime against persons, theft or fraud would be problematic, she added.

Potential employees are allowed to fill out a form in which they have the opportunity to admit past criminal convictions. The form gives employees a chance to explain extenuating circumstances.

Similarly, Board members each year are given the opportunity to disclose any conflicts of interest or other situations which could potentially cause embarrassment to the Board as a whole.

"We think it's smart management to ask these kinds of questions," Boppell said.

Whitworth's new policy seems to be part of a growing trend among U.S. institutions of higher education to require background checks on all new faculty.

Currently, 26 percent of education institutions run checks on new faculty, according to a limited survey by Stephanie Hughes, owner of RiskAware LLC, a company that performs background checks.

A policy of background checks run on new trustees, however, is very rare, Humiston said. She said she knows of no other college that runs checks on new Board members.

There has been no talk of running background checks on new student employees, although in the future "that wouldn't be a bad way to go," Humiston said.

CORE: Revisions aimed to absorb material instead of memorizing

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McCrillis said he has an average test score of 75 percent. Other students earning higher grades, are still struggling with the updated Core 150 program as well.

Freshman Kynda Laufmann, who described her grade as being in the high B, low A range, said, "I don't like the changed program, but I deal with it because I have to."

Laufmann, who has spoken to Beebe about the difficulty of the program, was told that this version of Core 150 is good preparation for harder courses that she will take throughout college.

Freshman Nathan Shea, another student currently taking Core 150, also thinks that the course is challeng-

ing. For him, long hours of studying do not always result in high grades, he said, and he would rather instructors find a happy medium between the previous and current Core 150 structures. He does, however, see the positive benefits of the course as well.

"We learn more this way," he said.

But both Laufmann and Shea question the fairness of the fact that past students were able to study less and come away with better grades.

"I've talked to students who were in the class last year, and they looked at the exam instructions and said, 'What is this? This isn't a study guide'," Laufmann said.

Senior Nels Berg, who took Core 150 in the fall of 2002, said he benefited

from the study structure provided by the exam guides. Berg said he received about a 94 in the course, and spent only about one and a-half to two hours studying for each exam with the study guides.

While Berg said he thinks trying to get freshmen to have good study habits by pushing them to study more in this introductory level class is not a bad thing, he does not agree with the administrative decision to broaden the study requirements to the current level.

David Dolphay, a junior who took the course in the fall of 2004, has taken a different position on the issue.

"This version of Core 150 is a more accurate reflection of what you'll have

in the rest of the classes at Whitworth," he said.

Dolphay said he benefited from the structure provided by the study guide, but believes that this modification will result in the students having deeper knowledge of the class material.

Associate professor and instructor in leadership studies Jack Burns, a Core 150 team leader, also believes that the new challenges of the course are beneficial.

"These students have been put in a position where they have the opportunity to learn instead of memorize," he said.

Previous course assessments had revealed general student criticism of the low-difficulty level of the exams. Students were able to memorize most of the

information, Burns said.

"We don't think that's a high-order learning skill," Burns said.

Berg, however, thinks the lack of a study guide is a mistake.

"If the teachers say, 'study hard on what I've taught you,' that's not efficient," he said. "A lot of people are going to try to study everything as opposed to what's important."

Berg has noticed that by following a study guide, he can breeze over less important ideas and still have an understanding of them, while being able to really focus his attention of the most important aspects of the exam.

"Teachers should give their students guidance. A study guide is a good way to do that," Berg said.

Whitworth Speaks OUT

How do you think faculty-student relations at Whitworth compare to other schools in the region?

"There's definitely more one-on-one between students so they can build better relationships."



Shanna Lakey
Sophomore

"When compared to other similar-sized schools, we're probably pretty much the same."



Mike Schmautz
Junior



Andrew Knapp
Junior

"They're normal people just like us. They're very willing in talking to you. They're interested in our lives. They care."



Kristina Kielbon
Sophomore

"I think they're better because we're actually taught by professors."

— Compiled by James Spung and Caroline Davis

Students pull prank on GU

Tim Takechi
Staff writer

Numerous flyers and Whitworth Pirate banners littered Gonzaga University in a prank organized and carried out by Whitworth students early on the morning of Nov. 1.

Several flyers titled "95 Theses on Why Whitworth is Better Than Gonzaga" were posted on various buildings. These flyers poked fun at Gonzaga University, the apartment building fire that occurred there last March, President Friar Robert J. Spitzer and the sex scandals within the Catholic Church, according to a broadcast by KIHQ Local News.

David Tobias, a senior at Gonzaga, works in the office of the vice president and was one of the first students to know about the prank. Tobias started a group on Facebook.com in response to the posting of the "95 Theses."

"I felt like being a spirited Bulldog and take pride in my school," Tobias said.

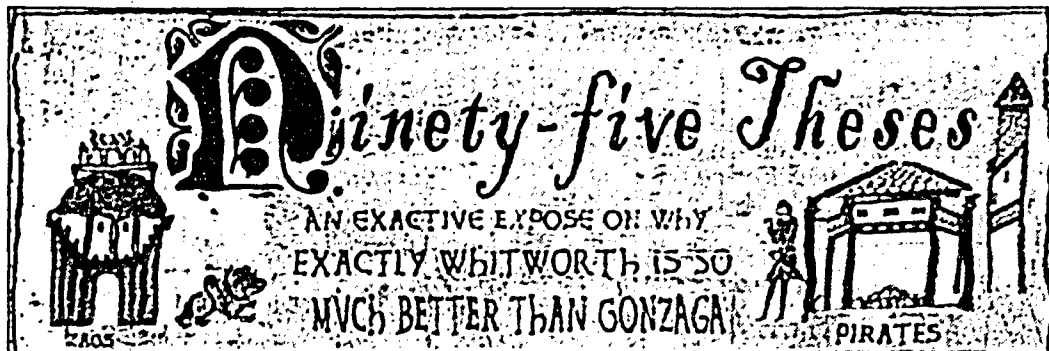
Campus security removed all the flyers and banners by 7 a.m. before most of the students saw anything, Tobias said.

Tobias took down the Facebook group because he said students were using the group to plot retaliation against Whitworth in the future.

Whitworth administration confirmed that the perpetrators of the prank were current Whitworth students, said Dick Mandeville, associate dean of students.

The students in question identified themselves to the administration. The punishment handed down to these students could not be specified due to the administration's policy of revealing sensitive details to the public, Mandeville said.

Mandeville said the students will make a statement to Gonzaga as part of the process of re-establishing respectful communication be-



The header of the flyers that were distributed around Gonzaga University by Whitworth students on the morning of Nov. 1.

tween the two institutions.

"Because this was a pretty public event, part of the outcome will include a letter of apology sent to the students of Gonzaga which will either go to them via e-mail or be published in their student newspaper," Mandeville said.

The timing of the prank coincided with Reformation Day, celebrated by Protestants every year in honor of the day that Martin Luther posted 95 theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany on Oct. 31, 1517.

Luther posted the theses for many reasons among them to counter the Roman Catholic Church's doctrine of indulgences. Indulgences were a temporal pardon granted by the church from the punishment of sins already forgiven by God.

In an e-mail addressed to the entire student body early that Thursday morning, Robinson said he felt some of the jokes posted in the "95 Theses" crossed the line.

"First, I admit that I have not read the whole document. Second, I'm a big fan of 'clever and fun,' but I have seen some items that were quite mean-spirited and some that were just stupid. I don't want to make this bigger than it is, but right now it feels way more hurtful than 'clever,'" Robinson said.

Sue Weitz, vice president for student life at Gonzaga University, sent out a campus-wide e-mail to all Gonzaga students with Robinson's letter attached.

Weitz echoed Robinson's confusion and displeasure over the incident.

"The identity and intention of the responsible individuals is not known, but it would appear that this was an attempt at a college prank based on the perceived rivalry of being in the same area," Weitz said in the e-mail. "Some of the statements on the flyer were not respectful to our community."

Kathy Storm, vice president for student life, said Whitworth administration made efforts to assure administrators at Gonzaga that the prank did not reflect the attitude of Whitworth as a whole.

"A number of us spoke with our counterparts on the Gonzaga campus and offered apologies. There was some backlash and hard feelings, at least among GU students, that were beginning to emerge," Storm said.

Tobias said fellow Gonzaga students felt uncertainty over the nature of the prank.

"Overall, [Gonzaga students] were kind of confused. The idea of school rivalry is great, people were confused why some of the jokes crossed the line," Tobias said. "As a Jesuit institution, we strive to cut down the walls between faith backgrounds."

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David Tobias
Senior at GU

Muslim population grows in Europe

Sara Morehouse
Staff writer

European Muslims need to adopt basic Enlightenment values such as tolerance, individualism, scientific inquiry free of church control and human reason, a guest speaker said last Thursday.

Chris Soper, the director of the Center for Faith and Learning and associate professor of political science at Pepperdine University (Calif.), presented "Muslims in Europe: Singing God's Song in a Strange Land." The was created out of a psalm written when the Jews were kicked out of the Holy Lands.

"The Jews became successful at retaining their religious identity in strange lands," Soper said.

The Muslim population in Europe has grown from 1.61 million to around 15 million between 1961 and 2001 due to immigration and high fertility rates, Soper said.

Soper based his claims and predictions regarding the growing Islamic presence in Europe on interviews he conducted with Muslims in Britain and France prior to Sept. 11, 2001.

As Europe is becoming home to more and more Muslims, the public policy challenge facing Europeans is how to integrate Muslims into Western culture.

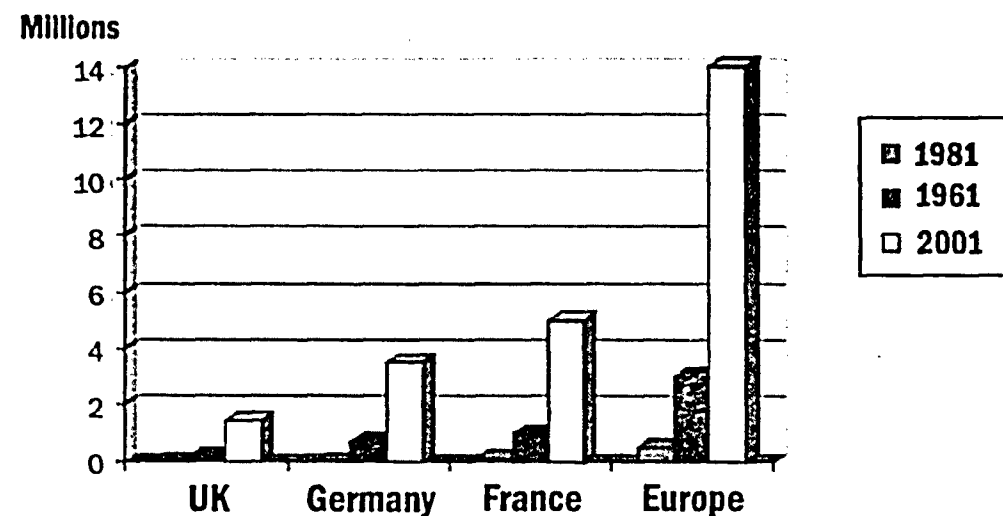
"Muslims are not going anywhere; Europe is their home," Soper said.

Though Muslims are gaining citizenship and living in European countries, their religious needs have not been addressed or provided for as they become a "significant political and social force in western Europe," Soper said.

Britain and France present two

Muslim populations in Europe

The graph that was used in speaker Chris Soper's presentation shows the growth of the Muslim populations in Europe over the past 40 years.



contrasting reactions to the Muslim presence in their respective countries. Soper recognized Britain as doing a better job of accommodating for Muslims' spiritual convictions.

The British have a strong understanding of a church and state linkage due to the influence of the Church of England. For example, one-third of all British students are in church schools, Soper said. As a result of this understanding, Muslim students have been allowed to wear the hijab, a traditional Muslim head covering, as long as it matches school uniforms.

On the opposite side of the spectrum lies France, a country where the separation of church and state is paramount to Muslims. There have been no considerations for the possibility for Islamic schools in France, though the state does fi-

nance Catholic schools.

Soper said France seems to think that by stripping their Muslim identity, the French can preserve cultural unity.

In both countries, where Christian church attendance is down to about 10 percent, the strong religious conviction of resident Muslims is having an effect on the spiritual nonchalance that is prevalent in Europe.

Soper reported that in a given week, the Muslim attendance for Friday prayer services is greater in Europe than Anglicans attending Sunday church even though Christianity is the majority religion.

Senior Sarah Hennagin, who spent nine weeks in France and Algeria this past summer ministering to Muslims, agrees that there has not been good Muslim

integration in France. She said that Soper's predictions were pretty optimistic.

"I don't see the Muslim culture changing to Western ideals as quickly as he did," Hennagin said.

Soper predicts that, in the future, hostility against Muslims will increase, along with a general downplay of all other religion, eventually leading to Islamic integration into the European secular society.

"For Europeans, there is an incapacity to understand religious motivations," Soper said.

He warned that it took the Christian church three centuries to embrace Enlightenment ideas. However, he said that Muslims worldwide currently seem to be going through a "Protestant Reformation."

World TIMELINE

Monday:

Saddam Hussein was convicted of killing 148 people in the mainly Shiite town of Dujail, Iraq, following an assassination attempt on him in 1982. He was sentenced to death by hanging. His half-brother Barzan al-Tikriti and Iraq's former chief judge Awad Hamed al-Bandar were also sentenced to death. Former Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan was sentenced to life in jail and three others received 15-year prison terms.

Tuesday:

Dhiren Barot, an al-Qaida operative who planned to blow up landmark London hotels using limousines packed with gas tanks, napalm and nails, and plotted to attack the New York Stock Exchange and the World Bank was sentenced to life in prison. After his sentencing, he could be transferred to the United States to face a four-count indictment if U.S. officials request the transfer.

Wednesday:

Russia rejected passages in a U.N. Security Council draft proposing sanctions against Iran's nuclear and missile programs, reflecting differences with the West on how to punish Tehran for its atomic program.

Thursday:

NATO forces killed approximately 22 Taliban fighters in an airstrike in Afghanistan's southern province of Kandahar. At least one woman was also killed in the raid in the Zari district, southwest of the provincial capital, Kandahar city.

Friday:

Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniya of the ruling Hamas group has said he is willing to resign if it will end a Western aid boycott. The sanctions were imposed in March of this year by Israel and Western countries, which see Hamas as a terrorist organization. The sanctions were made because Hamas refused to recognize Israel, renounce violence and respect previous Israeli-Palestinian agreements.

Saturday:

The United States vetoed a U.N. Security Council draft resolution that sought to condemn an Israeli military offensive in the Gaza Strip and demand Israeli troops pull out of the territory. U.S. Ambassador John Bolton said the Arab-backed draft resolution was "biased against Israel and politically motivated."

Sunday:

Security was tightened at airports across India following a warning from the FBI that a plane flying to the United States or Europe could be hijacked. Some media reports said terrorists could try to hijack a plane flying out of Chennai's international airport, but this could not be immediately confirmed.

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Campus BRIEFS

International Banquet will display diversity

Students and community members can enjoy dinner and entertainment at the annual International Banquet. The Banquet will take place this Friday. Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Hixson Union Building and an entertainment program will follow at 7:30 p.m.

The dinner menu will feature food from countries including Egypt, Saudi Arabia, France, Thailand, Spain, Mexico, Cambodia, the U.S.A., Austria, Sweden, Chile and Honduras. The entertainment will feature Middle-Eastern dancing, Thai classical folk dancing, flamenco-inspired music and dance, the Exceptional Praise Gospel Choir and Native American storytelling.

Tickets for the banquet are \$10 for general admission and can be purchased at the Information Desk in the HUB. Tickets will also be on sale each week day in the HUB from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Conference to address human trafficking

Area advocates are presenting a conference and evening presentation addressing human trafficking and domestic violence this Thursday.

The conference will feature Rev. Thelma Burgonio-Watson, program director of the Faith Trust Institute; the Rev. Kevin Fredericks; Lila Lama Ghising, a Nepalese trafficking refugee; and a panel of Whitworth students who will discuss "Real Efforts You Can Do."

The conference will take place in Quall Hall at Whitworth Presbyterian Church from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Admission is free to both events, but registration is required for the conference.

The presentation, "Stopping Slavery in the 21st Century: Searching for a Faith-Based Response to the Trafficking of Human Beings," will take place in Robinson Teaching Theatre at 7 p.m.

Coat drive will benefit local families

The fifth annual winter coat drive will take place Nov. 27, 28 and 29. Collection bins will be located in the Hixson Union Building and Weyerhaeuser Hall lobby. The drive will accept gently-used coats for all ages and sizes. They will be donated to families through the Union Gospel Rescue Mission. The principles of marketing class is sponsoring the drive.

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Administrators consider card system

Karin Portenkirchner
Staff writer

Dorm residents can now vote whether to unlock doors during visitor-busy evening hours. This policy is in response to student outcry over residence halls being locked 24 hours a day after security threats on campus earlier this semester, namely car break-ins and harassing phone calls to some Whitworth residents.

"What we are trying to do with this measure is to balance security for all of our residents with convenience," said Alan Jacob, assistant director of student housing.

While keeping the doors open might be a concern, some students go from dorm to dorm each night, Jacob said.

So far, the majority of the campus resident halls have already voted. Arend, Baldwin-Jenkins, Boppell, Duvall, Tiki, Stewart and Warren have agreed to open their doors from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Akili did not have a very large voter turnout

but they have decided to keep their doors locked for now. They will be revisiting this in the second semester, residence director Kari Dykhouse said.

When a dorm agrees to the new opening hours, they can "take effect right away," said Kathy Storm, vice president for student life.

At the moment Whitworth is working on a schedule with security that allows the halls to open as close to 5 p.m. as possible, Storm said.

This will also allow resident halls to be unlocked almost simultaneously.

For the future, Whitworth is considering installing an electronic card access system for the resident halls.

Students living in a certain residence hall would have access to their dorms around-the-clock, while students from other dorms only would get access during certain hours. Off-campus students are in general not entitled to have access to residence halls, but access will be granted to them when they ask for it, Jacob said.

Unlocked Dorms

The following dorms have made the decision to have their doors unlocked from 5 p.m. until 11 p.m.

Arend
Ballard
Baldwin-Jenkins
Boppell
Duvall
McMillan
Schumacher
Stewart
Tiki
Warren



To prepare for the installation of such a system, a card access task force has been formed. The task force consists of director of information systems and task force chair Jackie Miller, assistant director of student housing Alan Jacob, associate director of information systems Terry Norton, senior and student representative Megan Duff, Sodexo general manager Jim O'Brien, Bart Sanders of the registrar's office, specialist of information

systems Nancy Oltman, director of the library Hans Bynagle and manager of student accounting services Darle Freeborn.

The reason this task force is so extensive is to ensure that all concerns are heard and understood, Jacob said.

Controlling access to the residence halls is only part of the picture, said Tom Johnson, vice president of business affairs.

"The college will be looking for a system that has the potential to provide a number of additional features such as supporting the food service operations, the library, student identification, vending, concessions, etc.," Johnson said.

The task force is currently contacting peer institutions about the systems they use in order to find out which features would be suitable and workable for Whitworth, Jacob said.

"We have not established a specific budget amount for this project yet," Johnson said.

The task force will develop a document that will be sent out to possible ven-

dors who will submit their proposals, Johnson said.

"Once the proposals are received, the administration will have to establish a budget based upon the cost proposals received and the level of adoption that is desired," Johnson said.

The goal is to install the card access system for fall 2007, Jacob said.

"It might take longer, as it is a very expensive project," Jacob said.

The installation of an electronic card access system at Whitworth raises another question, namely that of the students' privacy.

In theory, Whitworth could trace every step a student takes regarding residence halls, Jacob said.

"But we have bigger problems than finding out where you are going. We would only access this information in case of pranks or crimes," Jacob said.

Whitworth is in general reactive, Jacob said.

"It's the same with Facebook: We don't go through it and search for violations, but we will react if someone reports something to us," Jacob said.

Program focuses on faculty-student relations

Hannah Whitsel
Staff writer

ASWC has developed a committee assigned with implementing a Dine With the Mind program that would allow students to take a professor to lunch at Sodexo and have the professor's meal paid for.

The program is modeled after a similar one at Wheaton College (Ill.), where Dine With the Mind has been met with an enthusiastic response from both students and staff, said Nancy Kapp, Wheaton student office coordinator.

"There has been very positive feedback from the students, and the faculty have been very supportive of the program," said Steve Ivester, director of activities at Wheaton.

Wheaton originally set aside \$4,500 for the program, but they added an additional \$2,000 to the fund last year in response to the high demand for the program, said Ward Kreigbaum, assistant provost at Wheaton.

The program at Wheaton is run by the Student Activities Office, which changed the limit from 10 to five meals per term, in response to the high use by students, Kreigbaum said.

The Provost office at Wheaton originally invested \$2,000 in the program, and the human resources office agreed to match that amount when the program was expanded to include staff members, Kapp said.

Academic Affairs hopes that the program might help improve relationships between students and professors, which have suffered in the last couple of years.

Vice president of academic affairs Michael Le Roy proposed the program to ASWC on Sept. 27.

"I started thinking about it when I saw the results of the National Study of Student Engagement that indicated we could improve student-faculty interaction," Le Roy said. "I think that one of the problems is that we don't have very much shared student-faculty space on campus."

ASWC financial vice president Jeff Hixson agrees with Le Roy.

"This program is designed to facilitate student-faculty interaction in a slightly new and different way," Hixson said.

According to the ASWC minutes taken on Sept. 27, 2006, junior and Arend senator Katie Zerkel commented in discussion that, "One of the things Whitworth prides itself on is student interaction. However, we were behind in the survey, so I think it has a lot of potential to do a lot of good things."

Since then the program has been tabled and discussed again and again with little progress until recently.

If implemented at Whitworth, the program might allow freshman an opportunity to get to know the faculty.

"As a freshman, approaching a professor can seem daunting, but a Dine With the Mind program would give me more courage to approach them and get to know them on a more personal basis," freshman Jochelle Schatz said.

The program at Wheaton gets increased response by class, with upperclassmen using the funds more than freshman, Ivester said.

At its meeting last Wednesday,

ASWC senators and representatives reported that students interviewed in a recent constituency report expressed support for a Dine With the Mind program.

"The majority favored the program," Baldwin-Jenkins representative Corey Newman said.

Zerkel proposed that ASWC form a committee to better research the program already in place at Wheaton.

"I would use this program more than I might have last year, now that I'm more comfortable with my professors, and I am establishing ongoing relationships with them. We need more details about the program," Zerkel said.

The committee was put to a vote and passed by the Assembly. Zerkel will head the committee.

The proposal was tabled again until the committee provides more research. A vote is expected this Wednesday.

"Whitworth is already known for the faculty's willingness to be available to the students when the students want/need to talk, Hixson said. "So therefore we thought that this program would simply help to increase the students desire to more fully utilize their professors as education tools."

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Nate Chute Whitworthian

Soldiers perform the 21-gun-salute during the Veterans Day Memorial service last Friday. The service remembered all veterans, including 1st Lt. Forrest Ewen, a 2004 graduate who died last June.

Community honors veterans



Nate Chute Whitworthian

A man and a soldier bow their heads in prayer during the annual Veterans Day service last Friday in Centennial Plaza in front of Cowles Memorial Auditorium.

Tracey Brown
Staff writer

Approximately 75 members of the Whitworth community honored America's veterans at the fifteenth annual Veterans Day memorial service in Centennial Plaza last week.

Last Friday's ceremony was held in remembrance of all veterans, but especially 1st Lt. Forrest Ewen.

Ewen, a 2004 Whitworth graduate, died last June while leading his soldiers on a combat mission in Afghanistan. He was a Purple Heart and Bronze Star recipient. Ewens was honored in a memorial ceremony at Whitworth earlier this year.

U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Blake Wallick, an '06 alumnus, attended the ceremony.

"I came here today to honor all the

veterans, but especially First Lieutenant Forrest Ewens, who was both a friend and mentor to me," Wallick said.

Ray Kuhn, who worked in Whitworth's facilities services department from 1994-2002, served as a second-generation submarine sailor in the Navy for 28 years.

"If I had it to do all over again, I would in a second," Kuhn said.

Kuhn said Veterans Day is significant to him because, "freedom isn't free."

In addition to being a veteran himself, Kuhn's grandfather, father and two uncles were all war veterans.

The Veterans Day program at Whitworth was started by Dan Nevdahl, a Vietnam veteran who has been working in the custodial department on campus for 22 years.

Patty Nevdahl said her husband started the service simply because he wanted to

honor veterans.

"He is a Vietnam serviceman himself and he appreciates what service people have done. He likes to see people get recognized," Patty Nevdahl said.

The U.S. Air Force Honor Guard performed the presentation of colors, a 21-gun-salute and Taps.

The 30-minute service also included patriotic songs, a placing of the wreath ceremony, prayers and a key-note speaker.

The speaker, Keith Thompson, a retired U.S. Air Force Master Sgt., said America is what it is today because of the brave Americans who answered the call of duty to serve.

"No matter what branch of service, rank or job, all veterans deserve to be honored because we have freedom," Thompson said.

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IN THE LOOP

An editorial

Key card system good, with limits

Recently, the 24-hour dorm lock down policy was provisionally lifted by administration. Each individual dorm was given the choice to be unlocked between the hours of 5 p.m. and 11 p.m., the time of day with the most residential traffic. So far, the leadership in 10 dorms voted for their dorms to be unlocked during this time.

The initial lock down was enacted earlier in the year because of car break-ins and a series of threatening phone calls to female students. Administration is researching a possible electronic key-card system, similar to something many hotels and urban colleges have installed in place of traditional keys.

We support administrator's concern for safety and the research they are starting in regards to the key card system. However, this system is not a pressing need considering the need for new facilities for the Art and Science departments.

Before the recent rash of campus crime, there was no lock down policy and a key card system was of little importance.

The key card system should be implemented, but only after funding for the new Art building and Science building renovations is secured. New facilities are a more pressing need than responding to unusual circumstances in campus crime.

There are several considerations that the task force looking into the key card system ought to take into account. The first consideration is how will student access in this new system compare with current access. In order to maintain a healthy level of community, students should be given the same amount of access to dorms and other facilities as they had before the lock down.

A second consideration should be the impact the key card system could have on prospective students and people who will not have a key card.

If done properly, Whitworth visitors should have access to buildings they need to be able to get into. For example, community members should be able to walk into Weyerhaeuser Hall to hear a guest lecturer in the evening, or view the latest visiting art exhibit during its visiting hours without having to sign-in with anyone. One reason people like to come to Whitworth is because it is so personal. The central tension when applying a key card system is how much it will affect the personal aspect of the college in the name of security concerns.

We know this is a complicated situation. We just do not feel it is as pressing as some would make it out to be, considering the crime rate in North Spokane has not changed in recent years and the likelihood of more crime occurring before a key card system is implemented.

"In the Loop," written by the editorial board, represents the editorial voice of *The Whitworthian*.



Prehistoric Mudslinging

Courtesy of Sean Burke

Negative advertising shakes another election

GAVIN JAMIESON
Writer



The 2006 mid-term election produced a Democratic majority in both the House and the Senate, and was also unfortunately marked with a vast amount of negative campaign advertisements. These advertisements attempted to destroy the reputation of either the Democrat or Republican running for office. It has been shown that these ads were effective in influencing the outcome of races.

The Washington Post reported that the House race in Pennsylvania's 4th District was decided not by an excessive amount of negative campaign ads, but instead by how the Republican incumbent waited too long to begin airing attack ads. The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee took credit for a final-week advertising push in Kentucky which allowed John Yarmuth to defeat the Republican incumbent in the House of Representatives. These races are reflective of the limited amount of funding available for both the Republican and Democratic campaigns and the careful strat-

egies that must be employed to avoid spending money on futile races and to take advantage of character weaknesses voters might find interesting.

The present state of negative campaigning reflects a widespread acceptance of the practice by the general public and has created widespread voter disgust. It cannot be denied that if a candidate was able to completely do without the use of negative ads, he may as well forego the use of American flags during speeches, as both mudslinging and patriotism have become necessary for any serious political candidate. There was a time in American politics when this was not the case, as demonstrated in 1884 when Grover Cleveland was running for the presidency for the first time.

Cleveland had been characterized as an honest man, and this was further during his campaign when he admitted the existence of an illegitimate child which had been brought to the public light by supporters of his opponent, James Blaine. This incident caused great embarrassment to Cleveland as it was a private matter he had not expected to come to light.

Cleveland did not succumb to a similar political temptation later in his campaign, as when Democratic leaders brought him several documents detailing misdeeds in

Blaine's personal life. Cleveland had them destroyed with the declaration "The other side can have a monopoly on all the dirt in this campaign."

I would not say that it is overly obscure to mention events from political campaigns from the 1800s. The Virginia Senate race between Republican incumbent George Allen and newly-elected Democrat Jim Webb included a campaign commercial that described Webb's values regarding women as being more appropriate for 1806 and not 2006. This issue failed to inflame voters and Webb won anyway.

One of my relatives commented on the current situation by observing that he had not voted for a candidate since the 1970s, but always against the candidate he liked least. I would say America is hampering itself from being able to create respect among our citizens for the greatness of the democratic process until voters stop rewarding candidates for their use of negative ads. Otherwise, the cost to benefit ratio for the use of the ads will likely increase until they are all that can be seen on television from September through October in even numbered years.

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Democrats win a chance for big changes



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With last Tuesday's mid-term elections, the country saw an overwhelmingly Democratic takeover of government offices. Not only did they take a majority in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, but also in governorships and state legislatures.

Nancy Pelosi, now the first woman Speaker of the House in U.S. history, has described many of the new majority's plans.

This is an amazing step for the country to head in the right direction on a whole slew of issues. Pelosi mentioned many issues that she would like to address in the first 100 hours of her speakership. From raising the minimum wage to addressing Medicare drug prices, predictions are that

the Democrats will have a powerful affect on the country.

One issue that is mostly likely to be addressed in the new Congress is embryonic stem cell research. In September a bill that would have loosened the airtight restrictions President Bush has put on the research went through Congress. It passed the Senate 63-37 but failed to get the necessary 2/3 vote in the House to override Bush's veto.

Now that the Democrats have a majority in both houses, another bill should have no problem getting through. Maybe then, President Bush will have to open his eyes and look around. Such research has an enormous base of support among Democrats and Republicans alike.

Even former majority leader Bill Frist (R-Tenn.) said, "I am pro-life, but I disagree with the president's decision to veto the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act. Given the potential of this research and the limitations of the existing lines eligible for

federally-funded research, I think additional lines should be made available."

A subject that hits a bit closer to home is interest rates for college loans. Pelosi has already said she intends to address cutting such high interest rates. And for students who have seen interest rates do nothing but skyrocket in the era of the Republican majorities, such a claim is a significant relief.

The war in Iraq will be the central issue facing Democrats as they get to work. Seen as the downfall of the Republicans that forced the election switch, Democrats will have a difficult time finding the right solution for the war. But this matter is absolutely what they need to concentrate on.

No matter what one's politics, the fact is that the current U.S. plan just isn't working in Iraq and something needs to change. Bush still claims that aiming for victory is what he and most Americans want but even to achieve that new actions are necessary.

The resignation of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld comes as a great relief

to many Americans who are feeling uneasy about the war in Iraq. A new perspective from former CIA chief Robert Gates, will be welcomed.

Although Iraq was part of the reason for the great Democratic victory, America is also tired of the corruption that has pervaded the Republican Party in recent years. Even Evangelicals, the support upon which Bush stands, have seen so many scandals in the past year that normal Americans have shied away from the GOP.

From Tom Delay's conviction on charges of bribery to the more recent Rev. Ted Haggard in Colorado, the country has been offended to new heights. What the United States needs now are these enthusiastic, intelligent and ethical Democrats who will work hard to give the people what they want.

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Opinions

Scandal met with thankfulness



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The U.S. Congress was not the only governing body to see a change in leadership in recent weeks – accusations of sexual misconduct led to the Nov. 2 resignation of Colorado Springs pastor Ted Haggard as president of the National Association of Evangelicals. Haggard placed himself on administrative leave from his pastoral duties at New Life Church, following claims made by Mike Jones, a gay escort, that Haggard paid him for sex and methamphetamines over the course of several years.

As could be expected, the impact from the accusations is being most acutely felt among the congregation of New Life Church that Haggard built from the ground up. The source of the claims struck a nerve as well, since Haggard helmed a nationwide evangelical network (National Association of Evangelicals) that has made a point out of emphasizing marriage as between a man and a woman.

Despite a set of circumstances that could have opened the door for bitterness and counter-allegations from New Life, the church body has instead responded with an attitude of humility and even thankfulness for the scandal being made public.

Speakers in the church on the Sunday following Haggard's resignation emphasized not interpreting the revelation of the claims as political, since they so closely preceded the then-looming elections. Repeatedly, the

point was made that if the allegations did have any effect on the outcome of votes on sensitive issues, it should be interpreted as God's will and not the result of political scheming.

Such a humble perspective comes like a breath of fresh air in an election year plagued by scandal, with many affected candidates accusing their opponents of timing accusations for maximum effect on the vote – and should indeed be the difference that distinguishes between those in Christian leadership who abuse the trust of those who have placed them in power.

And yet, that a protestant religious movement could have so much invested in one man seems to contradict many of the principles that led to the Protestant Revolution in the first place. Both the church and the evangelical movement that Haggard spearheaded were notable for their top-down authority structure, with multiple levels of leadership all ultimately gathering underneath his guiding influence.

Like many "megachurches," Haggard's attempted to reconcile the need for close connection with other believers with the unity of purpose that was at the heart of his vision. However, his philosophy was undercut by a pragmatism that often reduced evangelism to marketing and belief to a feel-good scheme – stating in an interview with Harper's Magazine in 2005 that it was time "to harness the forces of free-market capitalism in our ministry."

For example, New Life's variation on the common small group method of build-

ing connections between church members wasn't based on neighborhoods or geography like many others. As Haggard developed his concept for small groups, he questioned whether members wouldn't be more comfortable selecting their own groups, instead of being forced in with neighbors they might not know or particularly like. To use Haggard's own marketing language, fellow believers are not just people, they are brands and members can keep trying different brands until they find the one that they like best.

When the values underpinning a church body are turned on their head like this – asking not what I can do for my faith, but what my faith can do for me – it is no shock that problems would manifest themselves at the highest level. The old saying goes that power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely; this is certainly as true for the church as it is for the government or any corporation. Indeed, with his adoption of corporate tactics and language, it is unsurprising that Haggard would play fast and loose with his own principles.

New Life has already demonstrated its commitment to moving forward through its actions, and perhaps along with the National Association of Evangelicals, they may realize the flaws in Haggard's "free-market" vision and use their widespread influence to replace the hollowness of that vision with true faith.

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"Such a humble perspective comes like a breath of fresh air in an election year plagued by scandal."

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WORLD FROM A
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Seattle engulfed by powerful wave

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Staff Writer

Next month, the world will remember the anniversary of one of the most catastrophic natural disasters of the century. The Indian Ocean tsunami of December 2004 caused 186,983 deaths. The sheer magnitude of this disaster has fostered concern for other areas prone to similar disaster. Here in Washington, the area most susceptible to a tsunami is Seattle. The Seattle fault line divides the city in two, crossing Elliott Bay and running just south of I-90. According to the Seattle Post every 2,500 years a seismic event results in a tsunami in the Seattle vicinity.

What if an 80-foot tsunami hit Seattle? Since the Indian Ocean tsunami, scientists' perspectives on the potential size of a tsunami have changed drastically. Rather than the previous assumption of 30-foot tsunamis, evidence from the Indian Ocean tsunami indicates that waves of 80 feet are possible as a result of a large earthquake. This drastically changes the scope of the potential danger to the Washington coast.

If an earthquake were to occur on the Seattle fault line, Seattle residents would have only approximately two minutes warning before a tsunami would hit. In that time, the water displaced by an earthquake of at least a magnitude of 7.3 would bounce off the north wall of the bay eastward, flooding several square miles of low-lands. The immediacy of this threat should be considered.

Two minutes is not enough time to stage a successful evacuation. Two minutes is only enough time to cause widespread panic before the low ground of Seattle is engulfed by water. If an unprepared populace were to be struck with such a sudden surge of water the effects would be devastating. The mere fact that there is a significantly dense population in the areas of risk causes the potential for human death to be significantly increased. The death-toll could be as high as a few thousand if the city were caught off-guard.

There appears to be only two recourses to remedy this problem. One way to avert such danger would be to upgrade the city's capability to detect an earthquake and thus give Seattleites more warning. The most modern tsunami-detecting technologies, however, are far from giving effective warning during the two-minute lapse between an earthquake and the resulting tsunami. It appears, then, that timely warning is a long way from becoming a reality.

The other, and more feasible, option would be to relocate those in danger areas to higher ground out of the reach of a tsunami. While some would be reluctant at first to abandon their homes, it would save many lives if such a catastrophe were to occur. Seattle's hills are out of reach of any foreseeable tsunami, and thus provide a refuge from such a threat. If those in Seattle's lowlands seriously consider the real risk of a tsunami occurring in Elliott Bay, they may be able to avoid the probable destruction with minimal inconvenience. The question is not if a tsunami could hit Seattle, but when.

"What if..." is a column written by a series of staff writers. Opinions in this column do not reflect those of The Whitworthian.

Google's latest growth may be too much



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Google ads to expand beyond the Internet

I never thought I would say it, but Microsoft is no longer the "Evil Empire" of the computer service industry. They are lagging behind industry leader Google Inc. whose astronomical growth over the past two years classifies them as the new "Empire." The "Evil" stigma has not yet attached itself to Google, but before we know it, Google could own just about every service that users rely on in their daily lives. This is evidenced by Google's newest business ventures into the world of off-line advertising.

The public's general perception of Google is that it is the most comprehensive search engine and has the best web-based e-mail system. The public sees that Google has integrated e-mail with instant messaging and allows users to search academic journals, videos or images with the click of a button. It is easy to access and easy to understand. Best of all, everything is free!

While all these services are nice, they only scratch the surface of the Google "Empire." Google's stock is valued at more than \$470 per share, while Microsoft's is floating at around \$27 per share. Google is also the largest advertising agency in the world. The company makes money by selling advertising space on their search results pages and selling the rights to use the Google search engine to companies for use on their Web sites. Anytime the Google search bar is on a Web page, the company who owns that site is paying for the use. The key to Google's advertising philosophy is the "pay-per-click" model where the advertiser only pays Google when

their advertisement is clicked on. This makes sure the advertiser is not losing money through paying ahead of time for an advertisement that may or may not work.

Google is flourishing because it is the best in the world at what it does. The company is focused on the consumer and tries to cater to the needs of everyone they serve. Their ability to organize the vast amount of information on the Internet is an incredible innovation that makes the Internet negotiable rather than a vast wasteland where information is hidden in every nook and cranny.

The latest two developments in Google's advertising strategy are what prompted me to write this article. Google is spending heavily to expand its radio and newspaper advertising capabilities, Reuters has reported. Clear Channel Communications, the biggest radio station operator in the country, is talking about selling and Google seems to be the prime candidate to buy. Google has been hiring sales people even before they own advertising capabilities in radio.

In the newspaper industry, Google will be using its Web-based advertising system to place print-advertisements in newspapers. Essentially, they will offer ad space in print newspapers to their online customer base. By using online databases, Google will allow an advertiser in New York to click on the name of a newspaper in California, see what ad space they have available and purchase that ad space.

These two new ventures seem like great innovation that can help two shrinking industries (newspaper and radio) until we look at the implications.

Google is effectively expand-

ing from an online-only advertising service company to a service company that integrates online data into newspaper and radio. Google will be forced to change its "service first" ideal if it wants this latest expansion to be financially successful. There is a big difference between "pay-per-click" and "pay for a print ad or radio spot." The difference is quantifiable results. Online, advertisers only pay Google when customers click on an advertisement. In a newspaper or a radio ad, the advertiser has to pay for the space or time slot before they know if, and how many customers are approximately looking at or hearing the ads.

Without measurable results, Google has to sell the ad space without a safety net of guaranteed "clicks" for advertisers. Because of this, Google has to focus on the actual selling of ads rather than any services it is providing its customers. The stakes are higher because print and radio advertisers need to see results if they are to continue advertising and there is no guarantee that it will happen.

Google is not the "Evil Empire" yet, but as they expand into the business world, they are setting the groundwork to fall into the trap Microsoft fell in to. If what Google offers becomes too dependent on selling ad space before providing the actual result-based service, the company might become too profit-driven resulting in over-competitive practices of trying to crush the opposition, similar to what Microsoft did. If they are not careful, Google could easily become the next "Evil Empire."

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HUMOR COLUMN

Register your license to kill

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JAMES BOND- Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.

Throughout history, the James Bond franchise has taught society much about life, love, and the dangers of glittery body paint. Naturally, with over twenty films, Bond has spawned countless parodies, including "Austin Powers," "Johnny English," "Spy Hard," "An Inconvenient Truth" and "Die Another Day." The franchise is best known for its exotic locations (Oz; Cleveland; Inside the Lymphatic system), vibrant villains (The Man with the Golden Finger; Dr. No-Means-Yes; Jaws; Jaws 3D; Odd-jaws; Rupert Murdoch and about 16 Blofelds) and promiscuous women (Your mom).

In the latest installment, "Casino Royale," James Bond (Peter Sellers) must win a high stakes game of 52 Pick-up at the famed Northern Qwest Casino. The villain is French, so it's a very short movie. Some Bond fans are skeptical of this latest offering, since this Bond film lacks gadgets, Q, Moneypenney, women, action scenes, martinis, car chases and James Bond. Technically, the entire movie is simply a re-released version of "March of the Penguins" with a slightly different title screen.

However, as accurate as this cut and pasted Wikipedia article is, it fails to show Bond's appeal. The Bond series is like "Pride and Prejudice" for guys. Every guy, in some way, secretly wants to be Elizabeth Bennett er... *James Bond*, for several reasons.

1) Bond isn't burdened by pesky emotions. Guys hate emotions. Bond can watch his girlfriend get thrown into a laminator before his eyes and react only by adjusting his bowtie, turning to the nearest lady and saying, "So... what are you doing later tonight..."

Sure, there are emotions guys enjoy, like righteous fury and blood lust. But most ("ennui?" "malaise?" "contentment?") are for sissies. Sometimes I think that without emotions, I would truly be happy. Then I adjust my black rimmed glasses, crank up some Fall Out Boy and post a heart-wrenching lowercase diatribe on Myspace.

2) Bond gets to shoot Communists. Sadly, shooting communists is frowned upon in our super-touchy liberal ultra-PC society. Oh, what wonderfully scampish fun I could have with a License to Kill!

Policeman: Can I see your license and registration?

Me: Here's my License to Kill and my Registration to Maim.

Policeman: Uh... I'm just going to let myself go with a warning. Cheerio!

3) Bond has an impressive mechanical acumen. He can guide any gadget and work any widget. MIG Jet? Death Star? Quantum Nuutronifier? No problem! He can get his lawn mower started on the first pull, can program his VCR clock and in probably the most unrealistic aspect of the Bond series, can drive a clutch without killing the engine at the intersection of Hawthorne and Waikiki. Not only that, but he has an assistant devoted entirely to getting him new stuff. It's like having a personal 24-hour Santa Claus: Hey 007, I was at Walgreens the other day, and picked you up this: An iPod which can hold over 60 gigs of music, pictures, and episodes of "The O.C."

Bond: Impressive.

Q: Also, this button, instead of adjusting the Treble-Bass balance, makes

it shoot fire.

Bond: Blimey.

Q: And finally, it absolutely refuses to play any music by John Mayer.

Bond: You've really outdone yourself this time, Q.

Q *Sheepishly*: Ah, it was nothing.

Bond, however, instinctually knows how to use these gadgets. I'd likely blow up the Kremlin trying to set my Bond Watch for Daylights Saving Time.

4) Bond is suave around the lady-folk. Bond fires off a sultry one-liner, a wry grin, a casual shoot out, an invitation to coffee and then BAM! (I'm not sure what happens next because my parents always cover my eyes.) This is opposed to my wooing technique of "Why hello, beautiful girl. Let us now debate controversial political, moral and religious issues, whilst I take a whatever position is exactly opposite to what you hold dear, to ensure that the discussion is lively!" Surprisingly, this isn't nearly effective.

5) Finally, the number one reason that guys are jealous of James Bond: He gets away with making puns. When Bond makes a pun, the surrounding women titter and swoon at his razor-sharp wit, whereas if I make a pun the surrounding women roll their eyes at my razor-sharp wit and sometimes throw rocks at me. Not only that, but fate constantly goes out of its way just to hand Bond delicious pun opportunities.

Consider the recent bond film, "Tomorrow is Always Yesterday," where a crazed economist attempts to drive down the value of the American dollar in comparison to the Euro by hyper-speculating on foreign futures and flooding the markets with an aggregate supply of undervalued goods. That prick!

The climax takes place in the empty New York Stock Exchange. As we enter the scene, the villain has bound Bond and the Belgian babe, Bänd Gûrl, as a stock ticker printout slowly pools at their knees, threatening to suffocate them within hours. Let's watch!

Dr. Greenspan cackles, "I'm just supplying what the world's demanding. It's a capital idea..."

"I apologize for my declining interest rate..." Bond deadpans, interrupting the villain's monologue. "But you can ride your Laffer curve straight to hell," Bond dives for a nearby lever, pulling it and sending the Dow plummeting. Our villain is crushed by suicidal stockbrokers plummeting to the ground.

"Looks like you should have put more stock in your Bond." Bond turns and winks at the camera. The Bond Girl swoons.

Sure there are disadvantages to being James Bond. The paternity suits for starters. And there's those "bad days" that start out with your ejector seat blowing a fuse in your Aston Martin and then the waitress at Chili's makes your Martini stirred and you hate it that way, your latest girlfriend is in one of her blasted thigh-strangling moods, and before you know it you're strapped to a table with a laser perilously close to turning you Jewish. ("Do you expect me to talk?" "Yes, Mr. Bond. But I expect your voice to be significantly higher when you do.")

But when anyone mocks the way you always dress so formally, or tease you about your girlfriend's ridiculous name, you just smile, feel that warm License to Kill in your pocket, and suavely say, "Excuse me, while I set my watch."



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Learn to live green

Few members of the Whitworth community are staunchly anti-environment. Some of us may have disdain for environmental activists or prefer to focus on other issues, but most of us will throw our soda can in a recycle bin if it's convenient.

I hoped to find a formula for "making Whitworth green" as I researched for this article. Instead, I found a complicated but hopeful mess of past efforts and future plans. A campus cannot "go green" in a day, or even in a year.

"You just do it one bite at a time, incrementally approaching and addressing the problem, and incrementally making improvements," said vice president of business affairs Tom Johnson.

Overwhelmed by the immensity of the challenge, I asked each of my interviewees what we, overloaded students, can do. Considering the complexity of the problem, students' role in the solution is fairly simple: Managing our waste better and supporting the efforts of students who organize more ambitious sustainability efforts.

The overall effect of each of our small conservation efforts is significant. To demonstrate this, I took an "Ecological Footprint" survey, which shows how many earths would be needed to sustain human life if everyone consumed as much as I do.

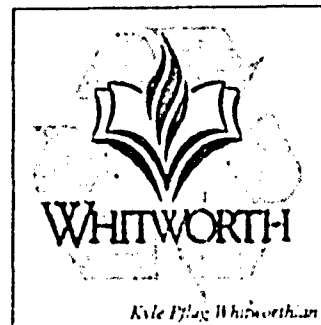
I took the survey twice, entering all the same data (my estimations for the average Whitworth student) except a few minor changes to see the effect of small efforts on ecological impact. The changes included generating less trash, living on campus or in apartments rather than in a house, driving less and carpooling. The first time I took the survey, my ecological footprint was 20 (4.4 planets). My footprint was 16 (3.5 planets) the second time, a 20 percent difference just by changing a few decisions.

Students taking steps toward living sustainably also show Whitworth's decision-makers that we mean business.

As the "customers" of Whitworth's services, students' desires matter. Each of my interviewees for this article stressed that progress is more likely to be made if students take action.

Sustainability is as much about daily efforts as activism. Conservation is a lot easier when it's built into our routine.

"I don't think anybody intends to be wasteful, it's just habits," Johnson said.



If we are conscious them, we can make those choices into habits that replace wasteful choices. Use less hot water and turn off the water while you are brushing your teeth. Do your laundry with cold water. Keep your room at a lower temperature. Turn off electronics like computers and lights when you are not using them. Print less, or print two pages to a sheet on each side.

"I think students can make a much bigger difference in managing their energy consumption: electronics, lighting and hot water," Johnson said.

Changing daily habits is an attainable goal for any student. Being more active isn't a full-time job, either. Your involvement may be as simple as helping the Good Deeds for Trees club with recycling.

Director of Alumni, Parent and Church Relations Tad Wisenor, Johnson and Director of Capital Projects Steve Thompson all suggested ways students could help take bigger steps toward sustainability.

For example, a group of students can challenge their peers to cover the initial cost of some energy-efficient changes on campus. Wisenor pointed to Lewis and Clark College's sustainability efforts as an example for Whitworth.

"Their students voted to purchase energy credits in a wind farm to offset all their CO2 emissions," Wisenor said.

Whatever the proposal,

students have much more leverage than staff or faculty members when it comes to demanding change.

"I can promise you that if students can coalesce around this issue, it will happen much faster," Wisenor said.

Johnson deals with the financial implications of conservation, and argues that students can make the most difference by putting their money on sustainability efforts.

"Many of these questions boil down to money," he said. For example, we do not currently recycle plastic bottles because doing so would cost the school. Students would have to volunteer to deliver bottles to a recycle site or be willing to take on the cost of pick-up in order for them to be recycled.

On the other hand, many of the environmentally friendly features built into Weyerhaeuser and Duvall Halls were included because energy efficiency saves money in the long run.

Thompson explained that the windows in Duvall are designed in a way that minimizes the need for air conditioning, using the surrounding trees for shade. Weyerhaeuser has a ground-water heating system that uses very little energy to operate, and its air conditioning system adjusts to the amount of bodies in the room.

Compared to other schools in Washington, though, Whitworth lags behind on the number of energy-efficient buildings. In 2004, Governor Gary Locke signed an executive order requiring that all new state buildings be built to green building (LEED certification) standards established by the U.S. Green Building Council. While state schools are building according to green building standards, Whitworth is only making steps in that direction. In fact, Whitworth's 5-year plan includes a commitment to have a LEED certified architect on every new building committee.

Until sustainability is a priority for students, Whitworth will continue to lag behind in sustainability.

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Sounding Board
Question of the week

Q: What issue should Congress tackle first? Why?

E-mail your thoughts to editor@whitworth.edu

Get your thoughts in print!

Letters to the editor

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The Whitworthian encourages members of the campus to submit longer guest commentaries about issues relevant to the Whitworth community. Commentaries of 700 words or less will be published as space permits. We are looking for commentaries that are relevant and well-researched. To ensure a better chance of publishing, please contact The Whitworthian with specifics regarding when you plan to submit your commentary and what issue you are interested in addressing. We reserve the right to edit all submissions for content and space. Commentaries should be e-mailed to editor@whitworth.edu.

"The Varnished Truth" is a humor column by Daniel Walters.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: "Art Department"

Clarifying art department plan

Concerning the Oct. 24, 2006, Whitworthian article, "Fundraising pitfalls, rising costs lead to cuts in size, scope of the proposed visual arts building": The Whitworthian writers accurately reported on what was said at the Board of Trustee meeting, unfortunately there was some confusion over the cost per square foot, and so some of the figures in the article are in need of correction. The architectural plan for the Visual Arts Building is currently being revised, but it will contain five studios, a large gallery and a graphic design computer lab, not four studios and two mixed media classrooms as reported. From the beginning of the process the design committee has been working with a total budget of 6.3 million dollars, not 4 million as reported. Unfortunately construction costs have increased so rapidly over the past two years that our original design (estimated at \$185 per square foot) came in at 7.8 million. The estimate reported in the paper of \$300 per square foot reflects the total cost of the building (maintenance endowment, technology, construction costs, furnishings, everything). The construction costs (foundation, walls, roof, etc.) are estimated at about \$230 per square foot.

Concerning the Oct. 24, 2006, Whitworthian article, "Construction of new building only a start for Art department to meet students' larger needs": The article states that "Associate professor Gordon Wilson contracted cancer from chemicals and fumes due to poor ventilation a few years ago. He is now completely recovered."

Wilson was, in fact, diagnosed with cancer about seven years ago. The cancer was the result of long term ulcerative colitis. This condition is aggravated by exposure to harmful fumes and chemicals. Exposure to art-related substances over many years as an artist probably contributed to or accelerated the progress of this condition. It would be a gross overstatement to say that Wilson's cancer was due to poor ventilation in the Fine Arts building. A self portrait completed after Wilson's cancer surgeries lists many of the substances that may have contributed to his illness. "It is a short leap for students introduced to the after-surgery portrait to assume the Art Building did it. It's actually a sort of romantic thought — Art Building attacks artist — but not accurate."

Whitworth College has always paid close attention to the air quality of the Fine Arts building. Tom Johnson approved over \$100,000 in ventilation improvements in 1988. In 1998, Johnson established a Task Force to specifically address Air Quality in the Fine Arts building. The Task Force report was submitted in May 1999 and their recommendations were implemented. It is also important to note that the ventilation systems (including air hoods) are monitored on a regular basis by the Whitworth Environmental Health and Safety Manager, Marisha Hamm. Hamm's job is to ensure that all applicable air quality standards are met. The air quality in the existing Fine Arts Building meets OSHA standards. In addition to these measures, the Art Department has eliminated most substances known to be harmful or has restricted their use to designated "safe" areas, such as into the vented hood areas. Like other Art Departments in aging buildings, Whitworth's current facility does not have state-of-the-art qualities that the new Fine Arts building will have, but the current building is safe.

Therefore, the administration and art faculty continue to work closely together to develop the very best new Fine Arts facility possible for our students. Perhaps, the entire student body might add their prayers to ours for the new Fine Arts building.

Barbara Filo
Scott Kolbo
Gordon Wilson
Art Department Faculty

Re: "Art Department"

Intentions not clear in article

In the article "Construction of new building only a start for Art department to meet students' larger needs" I was misquoted several times, and unfortunately this triggered some negative backlash on the Art Department and our facilities. It was never my intention to make our current art building sound like it was unsafe or cancerous, or to throw the Art Department in a bad light.

While it is true that some chemicals and solutions used frequently in art, like turpentine, are toxic and may be harmful over long periods of time and after a lot of exposure, our professors are sure that we use non-toxic paints and chemicals inside the building. Our current facilities are old and could be greatly improved, so my only wish was to show how great a new art building would be for art students.

I am very sorry for any negativity that has been brought on the Art Department as a result of that article, and I hope that this sets a few of the facts right.

Kristina Adams
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Art

Re: "Whitworth speaks out"

Women deserve political respect

Did you think twice about the picture of women in politics painted by the "Whitworth Speaks Out" section of the Oct. 24 edition of The Whitworthian? Well, we did - it's why W.I.S.E. is here: to advocate for women on campus. And it's why we're writing - to bring attention to what we feel is a latent problem on campus concerning women's political autonomy and power. We are also writing as a means of being proactive and offering opportunities for future dialogue.

The purpose of the "Speak Out" section is to reflect campus attitudes, to uncover what students really think about issues important to us. With that said, how does Whitworth really view women in politics in light of last issue's "Speak Out"?

We see two possibilities. Either the quotes are meant to be taken as jokes or they honestly reflect a worrisome atmosphere for the political autonomy of women on campus.

It is important to note that our beef is not with the individuals and their quotes, but with The Whitworthian's decision to put pejorative jokes in the "Speak Out" section. This decision tells us that it's okay to laugh at women in politics, and it paints a grim picture for this situation - that women's autonomy as voters and politicians is not a serious matter and is, moreover, farcical.

We understand that the "Speak Out" section is meant to provide a quick glimpse into the pulse of the campus and that the full picture cannot be fully elaborated. However, the manner in which this section is presented provides the reader with no context with which to interpret or understand the students' responses. We understand that the quotes about women in politics (re: Barbara Walters and women candidates) were said jokingly, but The Whitworthian's decision to use these quotes was a misuse of both the "Speak Out" section and their editorial power. Without context (i.e. how they're said [seriously] or [jokingly]), these quotes can lead to misunderstanding and even hurt.

It is important to question what you really think about women in politics and ask yourself, why is it okay to laugh at? Despite the stereotype that feminists have no sense of humor, we whole-heartedly love to joke

around and have fun (stop by the W.I.S.E. theme house for an illustration!). But not when it's at the expense of minimizing women's autonomy and role in politics. We believe that the editorial decisions behind the "Whitworth Speaks Out" section have done just this.

The second interpretation we can see is that the Whitworth population really has spoken out - and the message we hear is unhealthy and needs to be addressed. However you read the "Speak Out" section and whatever you think about women in politics, it's important that dialogue about this issue continues.

Help us sort through this troubling question: What is a woman supposed to think about her autonomy as a voter on campus when the picture we're given is that women in politics is a laughing matter?

The Core Four of W.I.S.E.

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Rachel Gray

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English

Tori Hiller

Junior

International Studies

Emily Hurlanek

Senior

Philosophy

Re: "A worldview"

Don't fall prey to lazy inaction

Herman Melville's "Bartleby, the Scrivener" tells the story of an employer's interactions with his confounding new scrivener, Bartleby, who "prefers not to" do anything his boss asks of him. In the end the employer finds that Bartleby's previous job had been working in the dead letter office, a place where the letters of those deceased or withdrawn from the system were disposed. What struck me so greatly about this story is the fact that much of the meaning relates to our place and actions within the world. While Bartleby seems to know nothing of real life, how to interact with people or carry out a career, he does indeed know much of the world in the sense of people's succumbing to a constrained mind set, the idea that people give in to a particular path, merely maintaining a particular career to their death.

As students at Whitworth, we go to class, think about the subjects as we need to for the class, enjoy social asides and do it all over again. We know about the world, problems in the Middle East, the constant hunger and AIDS crises of Africa and help subtly when we can. Should we however go about this mundane process without truly questioning our potential to change the world? It seems to me that we could adopt the unconstrained countenance of Bartleby and prefer not to meddle amid the pinecone curtain, prefer not to meddle in mediocrity, but rather do something. Indeed we can donate money from time to time, but should we not also be compelled to learn more, attending lectures or researching organizations and spread word of issues in the world to others around us? No more should we merely get caught up in the system of school (the game as I like to call it). It is time we all "prefer not to."

Zach Mullen
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By the
NUMBERSRecycling facts
and figures

2 weeks

Every two weeks the American people throw away enough glass bottles to fill up both the former World Trade Centers.

5 million

In the U.S., an additional five million tons of waste is generated during the holidays. Four million tons of this is wrapping paper and shopping bags.

300

Americans toss out enough paper and plastic cups, forks and spoons every year to circle the equator 300 times.

400 billion

Americans make nearly 400 billion photocopies a year - about 750,000 copies every minute of every day.

1/3

America is home to five percent of the world's population, yet it consumes 1/3 of the Earth's timber and paper; this makes paper the largest part of the waste stream at 37.5 percent of the total waste stream.

95 - 97

Recycling an aluminum soda can saves 96 percent of the energy used to make a can from ore, and produces 95 percent less air pollution and 97 percent less water pollution.

1 ton

One ton of paper from recycled pulp saves 17 trees, 7,000 gallons of water, 4,200 kilowatt hours (enough to heat your home for half year), 390 gallons of oil and prevents 60 pounds of air pollutants.

— Compiled by Leah Motz
Information courtesy of the
Clean Air Council

jazz

Grammy-award-winning jazz artist holds clinic, performs with students

Julie Woolton
Staff writer

From traditional jazz pieces to contemporary electric trombone sounds, the jazz ensemble and Grammy-award-winning trombonist Robin Eubanks captivated the audience's attention.

The jazz ensemble and guest artist Eubanks played in concert last Saturday in the Cowles Memorial Auditorium and held a clinic last Friday in the Music Recital Hall.

Eubanks is a nationally-renowned jazz trombone player who won Grammy awards for his performances in Michael Brecker's "Wide Angels" and Dave Holland's "What Goes Around."

"Robin Eubanks had never been here before and he is considered one of the top two or three trombone players alive today," director of jazz studies Dan Keberle said.

Eubanks is currently in the middle of a tour with the Dave Holland Quintet. On his days off Eubanks typically returns to teach at Oberlin College Conservatory in Oberlin, Ohio.

As a musician, Eubanks has traveled to Europe and to a number of other countries, such as to Japan.

"I get paid well and get to travel all over the world because I can buzz into a piece of plumbing," Eubanks said.

During the clinic, Eubanks did improvisation on his trombone with an amazing range of octaves, fast passages and vibrato.

In addition, Eubanks held a Q&A with topics ranging from advice for college musicians to practicing techniques.

"The best thing to do is to practice as much as you can," Eubanks said. "Be hard on yourself – taking shortcuts doesn't work. Every time I skipped over something it came back to haunt me."

Eubanks played a few of his favorite songs from his iPod, including rap, jazz, classical and Brazilian and said that he appreciates them all the same.

In spite of Eubanks' successes, he still remains humble. Eubanks said in addition to his skills as a musician, he is working on improving himself as a person.

"I am nowhere near where I want to be," Eubanks said. "Once you are satisfied, you start regressing. Just remember, you are a person before you are a musician."

The auditorium was nearly full for the evening performance. During the first half of the show, the jazz ensemble played six songs, three of which were arranged by Keberle.

The Whitworth jazz ensemble has 18 students, most of whom are sophomores and juniors. The ensemble came in second place last year at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival and was selected to perform at the Music Educators All-Northwest Conference in 2007.

The wide range of jazz styles in the show, from a few slower and more traditional ballads to contemporary and alternative jazz, made the concert unique and interesting.

"This concert covered a broad spectrum of jazz," Keberle said. "The student body should be interested in jazz because it is a part of America's culture. Jazz was born here in America and it belongs to our country and is a part of our heritage."

One song, "Never Enough," which was described as "haunting" by Keberle, featured Megan Meade, a freshman piano player. Many other soloists from the group were also featured.

"I really liked how the jazz band featured talented soloists, and yet they were also able to balance with each other as a group," sophomore Melissa Garner said.

"Hi-Ya Mama," also arranged by Keberle, had a funk feel to it. "But Beautiful" was a more clas-

sical jazz standard, contrasting a fast saxophone solo with smooth jazz in the background. "Nutville," the last song in the first half, reflected its title with fast-paced music.

The ensemble also played "Apple Flambe" and "Blues in Hoss Flat."

After the intermission, Keberle introduced Eubanks.

"He's an incredible musician and a wonderful person," Keberle said.

During the concert, Eubanks soloed on seven songs, three of which he arranged. The jazz ensemble also played several arrangements by J.J. Johnson, another famous trombone player.

Eubanks' energetic playing style consisted of a clear sound quality, a wide range of octaves and the ability to play simple and beautiful passages as well as passages with sixteenth and thirty-second note runs.

One of the most thrilling and impressive parts about the concert was during the song "Lover Man" when Eubanks used electronic technology to create unique sounds while he was playing trombone.

"Eubanks has a distinctive sound and can do unique things on his instrument beyond the average trombone player," junior percussionist Dru Heller said.

After Eubanks played a phrase, his playing would echo out through the speakers with a muffled and distorted sound after a delayed response. In the middle of Eubanks' solo, he coughed, causing laughter among the audience members.

"He was very personal and quite talented and humble," sophomore Gabriella Auer said.

Greg Hoff, a senior trombone player, played a duet with Eubanks during the concert. The song, "Fahn and Andy," is written for two trombone players.

"I was able to get a chance to communicate with him musically and get a dialogue going, and I hope that I did not appear too pathetic in comparison," Hoff said. "Everyone was really excited about Robin Eubanks coming, not just the trombone players. People normally

just hear trombones playing half notes and quarter notes, so they were amazed to hear what a trombone can do."

Keberle said the duet was an opportunity Hoff had earned.

"It is the dream of a lifetime to play side-by-side with Robin Eubanks," Keberle said. "Hoff earned it – he is a talented player who has improved tremendously over the past four years."

Sophomore Sky Thoreson said that Hoff deserves praise for his performance.

"He is by far the hardest-working music major at Whitworth and it definitely showed tonight," Thoreson said. "He seriously held his own with Robin Eubanks and he put a lot of emotion into it."

The last song of the concert was called "Tachiko," which is a Buddhist term. Eubanks said he enjoys this song because he is Buddhist. The song had a groove feel and Eubanks' solo was made up of deep growling and rumbling sounds.

The encore was a lively Duke Ellington song.

"It was a night that will never be forgotten by anyone in the jazz band," Thoreson said. "Robin was very good at interacting with the crowd, his attitude and demeanor was half of the amazing show. It was absolutely unbelievable, and Greg and I were asking each other if the concert really happened – we didn't think it was real!"

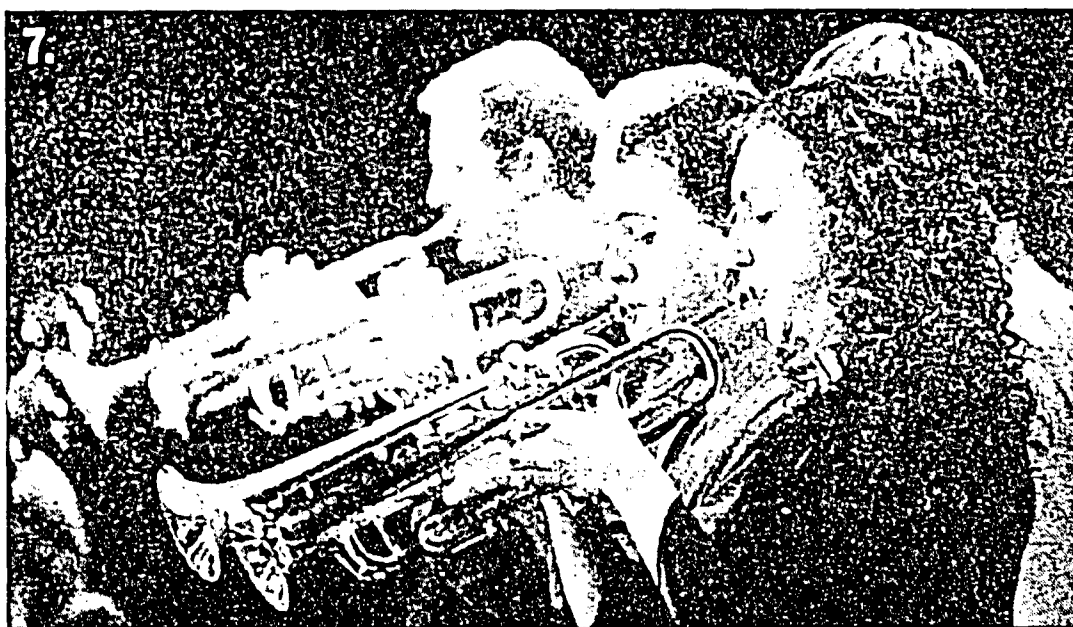
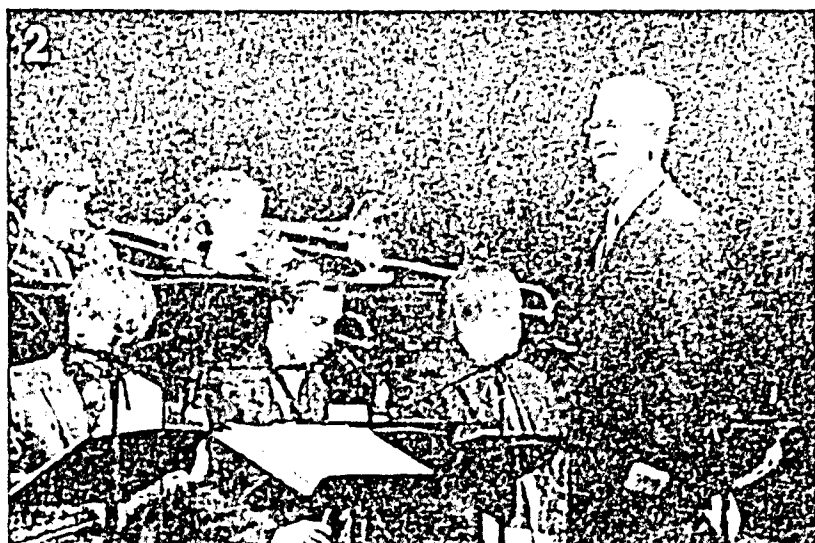
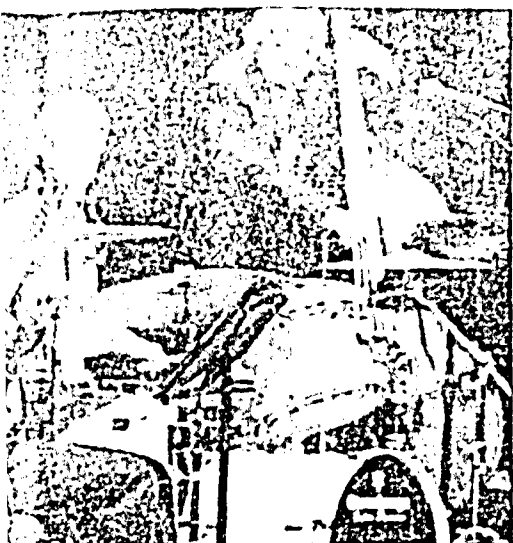
Keberle encourages students to attend concerts offered on the Whitworth campus and to take advantage of performances by visiting artists, not just in jazz.

"These types of concerts are important to the Whitworth community in that it is an opportunity to be close to nationally-known artists," Keberle said.

"I get paid well and get to travel all over the world because I can buzz into a piece of plumbing."

Robin Eubanks,
jazz trombonist





- 1: Sophomore Jay Hildebrand
Thomas Robinson Whitworthian
- 2: Director of jazz studies Dan Keberle
Thomas Robinson Whitworthian
- 3: Freshman Oliver Walter
Jessica Carrier Whitworthian
- 4: Jazz trombonist Robin Eubanks
Thomas Robinson Whitworthian
- 5: Senior Greg Hoff, sophomore Isaac Dye and junior Dave Weaver
Jessica Carrier Whitworthian
- 6: Senior Paul Lack
Thomas Robinson Whitworthian
- 7: Junior Katie Tremayne
Thomas Robinson Whitworthian
- 8: Senior Greg Hoff
Thomas Robinson Whitworthian
- 9: Junior Andrew Knapp
Thomas Robinson Whitworthian



Warren Peace packs the house

Caley Ochoa
Staff writer

The Hixson Union Building café was filled with sounds of war and peace during a concert last Thursday. Well, not exactly "war" or "peace" but the night began with larger acts including bass and drums and moved to quieter smaller acts, featuring a more acoustic sound.

Warren senator and planner of the event junior Caroline Davis had never been to a previous Warren Peace which has been an (almost) annual event since its inception in 1997 as a fundraiser for charity.

"I made it how I envisioned Warren Peace since I didn't really know what it was supposed to be," Davis said. "I'm trying not to follow a mold, trying not to worry."



In the past, Warren Hall's concert has featured lesser-known alternative Christian bands from outside of the Whitworth community. In the past, Warren Peace has hosted bands such as The Pale and Smalltown Poets and has charged an entry fee. The events has evolved into focusing on student performances.

"[Warren Peace is] a concert that's specific to showcasing Whitworth talent and what Whitworth musicians have been up to," Davis said.

While the format for Warren Peace has changed over the years, the one thing that remains true is the way it brings the Whitworth community together.

The room was packed with

standing-room only in the back and sides. Performances showcased a variety of musical talents. Some people used the band's set-up time to stir up the crowd with jokes about Whitworth culture. Other musicians danced around the stage and freshman Ryan Darbonne even "dropped it like it's hot" during his tribute to Justin Timberlake's "Sexy Back."

"The crowd was very gracious," sophomore Joseph Carlson said after his band encountered a slight technical difficulty during their song "Color My World."

The band members said they were the only ones who did not have time for a sound check.

The song ended with Carlson playing the piano and singing vocals with sophomore Tyson Molsenbocker and senior A. J. Hanenburg laying on top of the piano much to the crowd's applause.

"What is Warren Peace about besides getting up in front of school and making a fool of yourself for the enjoyment of other people," Carlson said.

Another crowd pleaser was the band "The Visiting Hours" which performed a few songs that had a jazzy, ska-type sound to them. As lead singer, junior Nik Hoback rallied the audience members to their feet. Students in the front were jumping, dancing and "skanking" with joy. Hoback and senior Ben White had an interesting perspective on the night as they were both performing musically and as emcees.

"It's great to see people up and

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Justin Hancock/Whitworthian

ABOVE: Freshmen Lyle Rauh and Tom Hamming use buckets as drums as they play to a full HUB café during Warren Peace.



RIGHT: the Visiting Hours created a dancing frenzy with their ska-inspired set.

Visiting graphic design artist illustrates war weaponry

Kelly MacDonald
Staff writer

Graphic designer David Brodeur thinks his art can change someone's perspective.

"I don't expect to change peoples mind," Brodeur said in his presentation at the Koehler Gallery on Nov. 7. "But if I can touch one person, then I'm satisfied."

Brodeur, a graphic design professor at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, is the current featured artist in the Koehler Gallery. The display is a collection of all digitally-rendered work. When a person walks into the Koehler Gallery and sees the work of Brodeur they might be surprised to see pictures of ammunition and bombs in near life-size. The pieces vary in size and appearance but there is a resounding theme of war.

The collection, called "Lubricating the War Machine," is Brodeur's attempt to educate his viewers on the dangerous component in the weapons of war. The placards posted next to his pieces describe how depleted uranium, a by-product of uranium enrichment, is used in artillery. Depleted uranium is heavier and stronger than steel.

Brodeur attests that 250 to 300 tons of uranium can be found in the deserts of the Middle East.

He suspects the increase in birth defects and the Gulf War syndrome are possible side-effects of this by-product.

Brodeur began his career as a professional graphic designer creating commercial images such as playing cards and clock faces. He has since discovered his passion



Breanne Durham/Whitworthian

Visiting artist David Brodeur stands in front of his art during a reception at the Koehler Gallery last week. Brodeur's graphic design exhibit, entitled "Lubricating the War Machine," focuses on varying and dangerous components of weapons used in warfare.

in graphic design as a traditional art form. His previous work includes a collection called "Medieval Port-a-Potty" which was a satirical look at the modern consumer culture that values temporary over long-lasting fulfillment.

His work in weapons study did not begin until 2003 when he became enthralled by the war in Iraq and its negative impact on society, both at home and in the Middle East. After further research he decided that he wanted people to know what he had found.

"Sometimes there's things that happen that affect peoples lives," he said in his lecture, referring to the depleted uranium. "Maybe we should talk about it."

His images incorporate photographs, symbols and words to create thought-provoking questions.

"I don't want to spell it all out for them," Brodeur said. "I want to give just enough to make them want to read what's next to it."

Brodeur acknowledged that his childhood fascination with models and later

research on wars throughout history gave him a groundwork on which to build his body of work. Some of his pieces illustrate the amount of armor-piercing rounds certain military weapons project a minute.

Others layer photographic images with iconic symbols and digital graphics of military machinery. Brodeur's goal was to have, "something familiar with something terrible."

The pieces in his work are often created using tools from the computer programs Illustrator and Photoshop and are printed on large formatting printers with pigmented ink.

Gallery director and associate professor of art Scott Kolbo said that he wanted to have a digital artist as the featured artist at the Gallery because of the large graphic design program at Whitworth. Brodeur's media, often called "new media," is a growing art form that can be found in many contemporary galleries.

"We shoot for a wide variety of viewpoints," Kolbo said. "I wanted an artist that students could talk to."

His pieces have names such as, "Bushmaster Bush: the Dirty Family Secret" and "Highway of Death." He often obtains items included in his work from the Associated Press, the Department of Defense and war photographers.

Brodeur admits that he is opposed to the present war in Iraq but said his main goal is just to get people to talk about the situation and get the troops home safe.

"I see myself as an educator," Brodeur said. "Hopefully I'll generate some thought."

McGonigal becomes an Ironman

Keats travels to Hawaii for triathlon competition

Belhany Hergert
Staff writer

April McGonigal, Duvall Resident Director, cheered on her husband Keats as 1,700 competitors of the 2006 Ironman World Championship Competition in Kona, Hawaii leapt into the ocean for the first leg of the race.

"It's emotional and exciting, and it's a bit of a relief for me to see that start," April said. "All the training and time, and it's finally here."

The triathlon, which took place on Oct. 21, consisted of a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile run. Among the competitors were 100 professional athletes. Most of the competitors finished, and of those, Keats placed 554th with a time of 10 hours, 22 minutes and 49 seconds.

"The whole experience was fantastic," Keats said. "I really enjoyed the race itself. The last 15 miles or so of the bike [race] there was a little bit of a tail wind, and we were coming back into town, where you dropped your bike, and the energy of the crowd was amazing."

The training for the triathlons was a large commitment. Keats trained six to seven days a week, averaging 20-25 hours a week. He began this training in October 2005 to prepare for the Coeur D'Alene Ironman competition.

Keats qualified for Ironman Hawaii last June at the Coeur D'Alene competition. He placed eighth in his age group of 25-29 year olds, despite a mild concussion from being kicked during the swim.

The top five finishers were picked to compete in Kona, but because of conflicts, three dropped out and Keats qualified for the World Championship.

As a participant in these competitions, each athlete can choose an organization to raise money for through the Janus Charity Challenge. Janus, an investment company, will either double or add funds to whatever amount the athlete raises.

Keats chose a multiple sclerosis research organization after April's diagnosis last year and raised \$10,000 for

the Coeur D'Alene competition and \$500 for Kona.

"The Ironman can be seen as a metaphor almost for our marriage because there are tough times," April said. "There have been tough times within the last year with my being diagnosed with M.S. It represents the ups and down and the challenges and the blessings that have come as a result."

Both Keats' and April's parents made the trip, as well as Keats' sister Shannon McGonigal and some close friends of April's family. All got to watch Keats' race, and watch him and April cross the finish line together.

"April's mom handed Keats a Hawaiian flag about 100 yards from the finish, and he held that up as he came in, his symbol that he had done Ironman Hawaii," said Keats' father and Whitworth Dean of the Chapel, Terry McGonigal. "April was able to step on the course about 40 yards from the finish, and they ran in together across the finish line. How appropriate for them to finish together. I will never forget that moment and the joy on their faces."

Keats' initial interest in triathlons began when he and April decided to do them together as a hobby. They competed in their first few races together. April has competed in a half-Ironman and hopes to one day do a full Ironman when the timing is right.

"April is a great triathlete in her own right," Keats said. "She doesn't like to admit it, but she is."

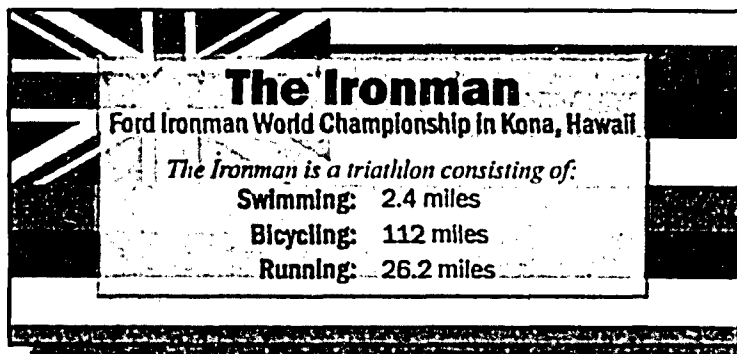
Keats plans to compete in another Ironman competition in Canada next August. He doesn't see his success in any of the competitions as a singular effort but instead the strength he finds through those who support and love him.

"One big thing that I would like everybody to know is how much my wife and my parents really supported me in this," Keats said. "I was the one that was competing, but I could not have done it without their help and support, both physically and emotionally. Their support was huge. Without them I don't think that I could have done it."



Photo courtesy of April and Keats McGonigal

Alumnus Keats McGonigal pedals through the 112-mile cycling segment of the Ironman World Championship in Kona, Hawaii on Oct. 21.



'Joseph' musical stopping in Spokane as part of tour

Blair Tellers
Staff writer

WestCoast Entertainment's 2006-2007 Best of Broadway season is featuring a colorful series of national touring productions.

The scheduled list of productions boasts an exciting line of timeless favorites, including "Hairspray," "Rent," "Aida," "Cats" and "Little Shop of Horrors."

The first show scheduled is "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" which will run Nov. 30 through Dec. 3.

"Joseph" originally debuted in 1968, and in 1982 authors Tim Rice ("Aladdin" and "The Lion King") and Andrew Lloyd Webber (composer of "Cats," "Evita" and "Phantom of the Opera") added new numbers and turned the show into a full, two-act production. It has earned eight Tony Award nominations and has played to an estimated 30 million people.

The musical is an adaptation of the story found in the Old Testament, weaving



Photo courtesy of INB Performing Arts Center

Matt O'Brian (pharaoh) performs a number in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." The show opens Nov. 30.

the ancient account of Joseph and his brothers with a versatile array of musical genres, energetic dance and modern humor. The musical score is a vibrant blend of musical styles, ranging from calypso, rock 'n' roll, pop, country-western and French cabaret, all of which are performed with

Vegas-esque flair.

Matt O'Brian, a voice and theater graduate of Luther College in Iowa, plays the Pharaoh in this production of "Joseph."

In addition to playing Pharaoh and Levi (one of Joseph's brothers), O'Brian is also an assistant company manager and assistant stage manager for the show. O'Brian auditioned specifically for the role of the pharaoh and explained that, contrary to the original story, the Pharaoh in "Joseph" isn't as severely tempered as the one in the Bible.

"This show doesn't actually have a villain," said O'Brian. "Pharaoh's actually something of a protagonist. In this play, it's the Pharaoh who takes Joseph out of prison and makes him second-in-command."

The Pharaoh in "Joseph" mimics Elvis. O'Brian sports a jumpsuit and in the true fashion of the King, a signature black pompadour.

O'Brian commented on

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City LIFE

Actors perform Shakespeare selections

Actors from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Ore will perform passages from Shakespeare and other classical and contemporary literature at the Lair-Student Center at Spokane Community College today at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Cost is free.

Actors are Catherine Lynn Davis and David Eric Thompson.

Film Festival showcases mountain sports

The Banff Film Festival will be at the Met Theater this Friday through Sunday.

These films showcase mountain sports and activities and are filmed all over the world. Friday and Saturday showtime is at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday will be at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 for one day or \$32 for the weekend and can be purchased at ticketswest.com.

Chiefs hockey faces Kelowna Rockets

The Spokane Chiefs hockey team will be playing the Kelowna Rockets (Canada) on Saturday Nov. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Spokane Arena.

The Chiefs currently hold a record of 10-9-3-0 and are holding third place in the U.S. division of the Western Conference.

Tickets range from \$8-16 for adults. Tickets can be purchased online at ticketswest.com or at the door.

Seaweed Jack, The Divorce playing Friday

This Friday Seaweed Jack, The Divorce and Crosstide will be playing at Mootsy's. The show is being presented by Rock Coffee.

Seaweed Jack is an alternative band that mixes unusual objects into their show to create music. They site influences such as Walt Whitman, Jimmy Hendrix, Led Zepplin and Miles Davis.

The cost is \$5 each at the door, and the show is for ages 21 and over. For more information and demos, visit SeaweedJack.com.

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Mountain discounts join ski film showing

"Corduroy" will be showing this Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Robinson Teaching Theatre. The ski movie is produced by Rage Films. Mt. Spokane, Silver Mountain, 49° North and Schweitzer will also be selling discounted season passes and giving away other free gear. Cost is \$10.

EWU Step show accents Cultural Week events

A Step show featuring performers from Eastern Washington University will be performed tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. in Cowles Memorial Auditorium. The event is part of Cultural Awareness Week. The Black Student Union is sponsoring the event, which will feature five different groups. Admission is free.

— Compiled by Joy Bacon

Weekly EVENTS

TUESDAY | NOV. 14

- Last day to drop and receive a "W"
- "Skin Deep" film, 7 p.m. fourth floor Duvall lounge
- "Born into Brothels," 8:30 p.m. in Weyerhaeuser
- Pre-registration for Jan Term and spring semester

WEDNESDAY | NOV. 15

- BSU-sponsored Step Show, 6:30 p.m. in Cowles Memorial Auditorium
- "Peter Pan" staged reading, 7 p.m. in café
- Study skills seminar, 8 p.m. in Weyerhaeuser

THURSDAY | NOV. 16

- Raymond Reyes lecture, 7 p.m. in café
- David Brodeur exhibit, Koehler Gallery
- Pre-registration for Jan Term and spring semester

FRIDAY | NOV. 17

- International Banquet, 5 p.m. in dining hall, \$10
- Charity poker tournament, 9:30 p.m. in café, \$5

SATURDAY | NOV. 18

- "Corduroy" ski film showing, 7 p.m. in Weyerhaeuser, \$10

SUNDAY | NOV. 19

- Wind Symphony concert, 3 p.m. in Cowles Memorial Auditorium, \$3

MONDAY | NOV. 20

- David Parks saxophone class, 3:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall
- David Brodeur exhibit, Koehler Gallery

Store promotes Fair Trade

Global Folk Art offers goods from around the world

Lucas Beechlinor
Staff writer

Located at 35 W. Main, Global Folk Art is a small non-profit, Fair Trade store that offers customers a variety of unique, hand-crafted gifts from various artisans around the world.



The mission of the store is to promote fair trade with foreign, low-income craftsmen and guarantee fair wages, safe working conditions and steady trade relationships for those who make the goods they sell.

Inside Global Folk Art, shoppers find a hodgepodge of high-quality products. The walls are lined with colorfully woven bags, hats, gloves and mittens. Racks of trendy clothing fill other parts of the store, while decorative trinkets and statuettes are displayed near the entrance.

The front of the room is filled with beautifully woven baskets, bone flutes and whistles, decorative masks and an odd assortment of toys.

Senior Kathryn Robinson first learned about Global Folk Art after returning from the Central America Study Program.

"My eyes were opened to many things in Central America," Robinson said in an e-mail. "I learned that because of the interconnected nature of the world, many of the decisions I make on a daily basis affect people outside our national borders."

Robinson described the atmosphere of Global Folk Art as very cool and unique. Bob Marley and other exotic music usually plays in the



Breanne Durham/Whitworthian

Sophomore Kacie Gartland browses through a display of bags at Global Folk Art.

background as shoppers browse through the clean and homey environment.

"It was cool to walk around the store and see many of the items that I saw in the markets in Central America," Robinson said.

Robinson volunteered at Global Folk Art for the past two summers. She enjoyed the alternative merchandise shoppers can purchase there, instead of being forced to buy faceless, cheap products from larger chain-stores such

as Wal-Mart.

"It's important to remember that there is a face behind the products," Robinson said. "By shopping Fair Trade you can support a family and a community towards self-sufficiency and a greater future."

Freshman Aden Coleman is another former volunteer at the store.

"If you can buy Fair Trade, you should," Coleman said.

Coleman proposed that, by buying Fair Trade products, consumers can take a stand against sweatshop labor.

The store was established by the Fair Trade Federation 14 years ago and is still the only registered Fair Trade shop in Spokane. The Fair Trade Federation is an association of wholesalers, producers and retailers who support fair trade and work to foster appreciation for diverse, global products. They provide fair economic opportunities to poor farmers and artisans around the globe. When customers buy Fair Trade, they are purchasing high quality items and a large percentage of the money they spend goes directly to the artisans who made the products.

"I think more people are realizing what fair trade is in Spokane," Coleman said.

Lewis and Clark High School senior Lauren Currin is among the 15 volunteers at Global Folk Art.

Currin, who has traveled extensively, said she finds great satisfaction selling things she has seen around the world to people in Spokane.

"I really like the bags," Currin said, admitting that she usually spends her entire allowance on Global Folk Art merchandise. She enjoys the fascinating people that frequent the shop and listening to the stories they have to tell.

Store manager Lisa Ogle has been managing Global Folk Art since 2002. When the former manager left to have a baby, Ogle was asked to replace her and accepted her new role eagerly.

"I know when we sell something, it's giving back to the people," Ogle said.

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the suit, which sports an extremely plunging neckline.

"The costume designers try to incorporate the dress of an ancient Egyptian with the Elvis jumpsuit. My costume has an exposed torso ... that's pretty much it ... and a skirt. I love it," O'Brian said.

When asked about an admiring quote posted on a theater review blog page, O'Brian laughed and speculated on the attention that accompanies the fame of being an actor.

"Pharaoh tends to get a pretty loud response from the crowds ... his dances are nothing overtly sexual ... but however people want

to take it is fine with me," O'Brian said.

When asked how he felt about the actual story and whether or not the Biblical account is true, O'Brian approached the question from a professional standpoint.

"I think it's a historical story," O'Brian said. "The show itself is very lighthearted. Whether I believe in the story or not, when I'm on stage I have to believe in anything that I'm doing in order to make the audience believe it."

While his character, the Pharaoh, imitates Elvis, O'Brian doesn't consider himself a professional imitator.

"But I think I do it quite well," he said. "We performed in Memphis, Tennessee and they received me quite well."

O'Brian has aspirations to eventually star in a musical film.

"Right now my main concern is just being on a show in Broadway, and that usually tends to open doors in television. My childhood dream is just to be on Broadway ... then we'll see what comes up," O'Brian said.

When asked if he had any advice for college students planning on pursuing professional theater, O'Brian said one of the best things to do is to start as soon as possible.

"I know a lot of people who want to do it, and you have to go out there yourself and make it happen," O'Brian said. "Work hard and see where it takes you."

O'Brian admitted that even the most talented of performers make mistakes in the world of profes-

sional acting.

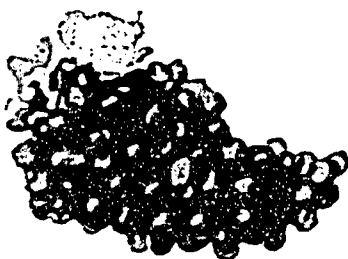
"It happens all the time, especially in the routing production ... Nine out of ten times the audience has no idea, though, if you mess up. You just want to make everything seem as smooth as possible ... even though you're hyperventilating."

In addition to "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," O'Brian has been in many other well-known productions, including "Carousel," "A Chorus Line" and "Beauty and the Beast."

When asked if he could pick any actress to kiss on stage, Matt laughed and replied "Lisa Minnelli in 1972."

Tickets are \$30-\$52.50. They are available at www.ticketwest.com, or from the Info Desk starting this Thursday.

Grapevine HUMOR



Tips for surviving until Thanksgiving Break...

- Stuff yourself at the Sodexo Thanksgiving Feast this week.
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Folk artists unite for tour

Concert entices folk music enthusiasts, Spokane community

Dani King
Staff writer

Experimental folk band Mt. Eerie, and musicians Karl Blau and Jason Anderson came to campus last Tuesday on their collaborative tour to bring the world of indie folk to Whitworth.

Unfortunately, the band D+ cancelled, but Mt. Eerie and folk legend Karl Blau performed several covers of D+ songs. Beginning in Anacortes, Wash., this group of artistically inclined musicians banded together at K Records and have been spreading the gospel of indie folk, music that's both mellow and danceable.

Approximately 75 people showed up for the event, with half of those being indie folk enthusiasts from the Spokane community. The show had been hyped by the both the "Inlander" and Spokane7.com, which applauded Whitworth's student activities coordinator Thomas Ruble for his contribution of indie musical exposure to the Whitworth campus. The Inlander said in anticipation of the show, "Whitworth will be a test site for the folk carnage," bringing a new taste of this experimental style to the realm of college student musical circles.

The show began with Mt. Eerie, getting the crowd up and dancing around the HUB with a cover of "What I like About You." The charismatic lead singer periodically gave passionate speeches between and even during songs about the mission and purpose of indie rock shows, promising to make that night a

memorable one students would not forget.

Next was the highly revered experimental folk legend Karl Blau of Anacortes, Wash. His one-man act mesmerized attendees with his deep, calm voice. The feeling of the performance was intimate, as if students were getting an insider's view of how Blau would practice music in his basement or just casually play a few songs for his close friends. He took requests from the crowd and even stopped partway through a song to suddenly say, "sorry guys I'm just not feeling that one," and went on to play something else.

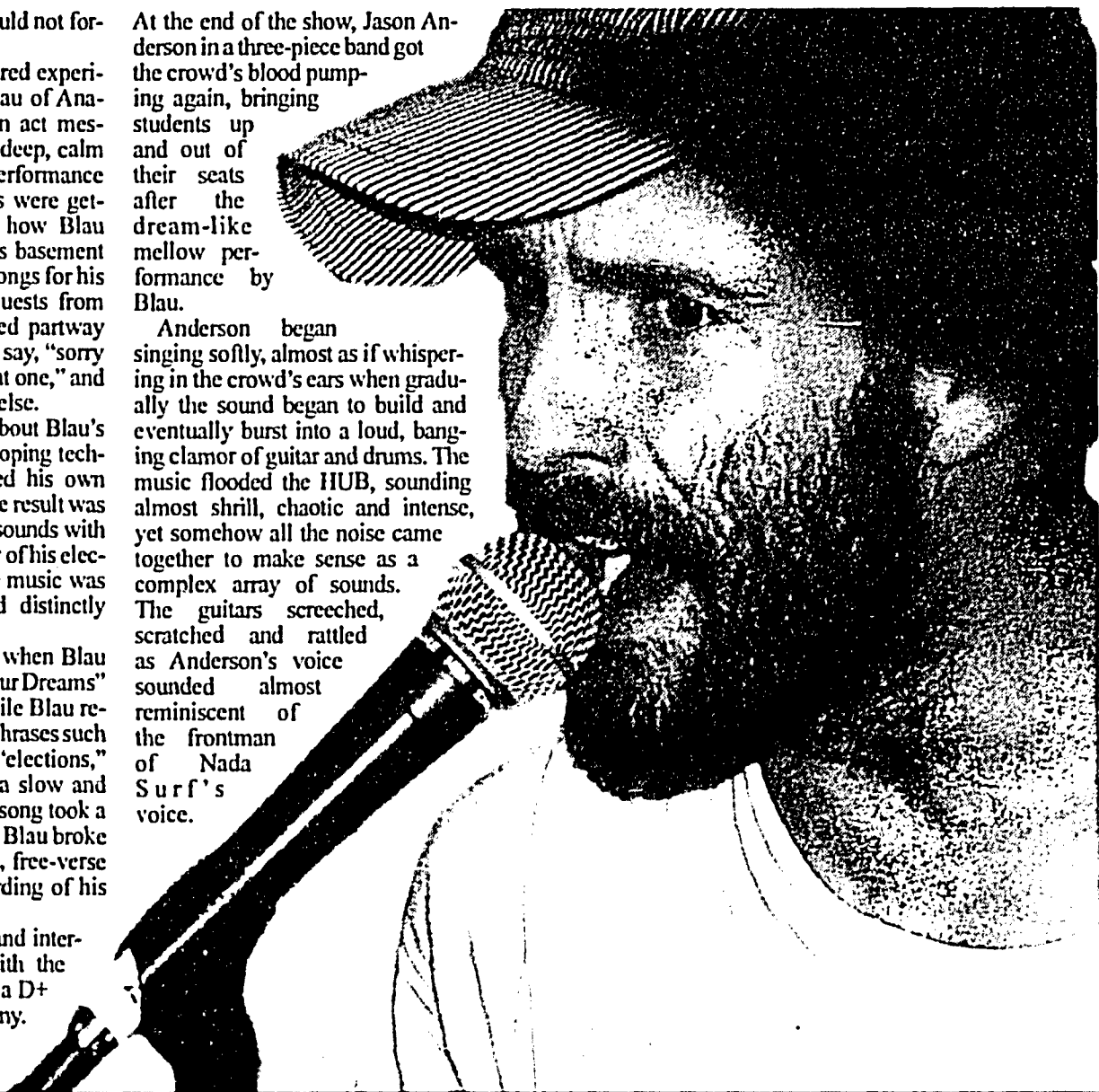
What was most unique about Blau's music was his use of the looping technique in which he recorded his own voice and played it back. The result was a layering of various vocal sounds with a simple, minimalist melody of his electric guitar. The mood of the music was soft, ethereal, mellow and distinctly creative.

The crowd got involved when Blau asked students to sing "In Your Dreams" in a trance-like fashion, while Blau repeated thought-provoking phrases such as "choices," "questions," "elections," "weapons" and "truth" in a slow and dreamy sequence. Another song took a different direction in which Blau broke out in almost Beatnik-style, free-verse poetry over a looped recording of his own beats.

Blau kept it quirky, fun and interesting and collaborated with the Mt. Eerie frontman, doing a D+ cover in a soothing harmony.

At the end of the show, Jason Anderson in a three-piece band got the crowd's blood pumping again, bringing students up and out of their seats after the dream-like mellow performance by Blau.

Anderson began singing softly, almost as if whispering in the crowd's ears when gradually the sound began to build and eventually burst into a loud, banging clamor of guitar and drums. The music flooded the HUB, sounding almost shrill, chaotic and intense, yet somehow all the noise came together to make sense as a complex array of sounds. The guitars screeched, scratched and rattled as Anderson's voice sounded almost reminiscent of the frontman of Nada Surf's voice.



David Dennis performs at last week's folk concert. Bryan Whitmore/Whitworthian

Engineering class launches pumpkins

Natalie Johnson
Staff writer

What do physics and pumpkins have in common? Just ask associate professor of physics Richard Stevens' engineering-orientation class. For the past three years, Stevens has asked his engineering-orientation class to build a mechanism with one goal: to launch a pumpkin farther than anyone else. This year's launch took place last Saturday.

Students were asked to employ basic physics and engineering principals to build their machines and were not allowed to use compressed gases, gunpowder, chemical reactions, or electrical power in their designs.

"The most common launching mechanism is the trebuchet, which uses counterweights to launch the pumpkin," said Stevens.

Past students have also created giant slingshots to launch the pumpkins and several groups have made catapults out of the large springs found in garage door openers. This year, the 20 students who entered the contest all chose to build trebuchets.

"I know in the past there have been some really crazy designs with springs and such," said freshman engineering student Dan Belet, "but I guess the majority of students have realized the benefits of a trebuchet."

Belet and his group of four spent about 10 hours researching, designing and building a 17-foot standard trebuchet, which he describes as "basically a medieval catapult."

Stevens' students must complete the assignment to pass the class.

"Normally the class is pass or fail but the group that shoots

their pumpkin the furthest receives an A," said freshman Dane Knudson, who is also in Belet's group. "[It] helps with the grade-point average."

Stevens hopes that through this project, his students will learn what it is like to work with a team and develop a design using limited resources.

"These students are mostly frosh, and this project is intended to help them decide for themselves whether or not they want to become engineers," he said.

The day of the launch was chilly and coincided with the final football game against UPS. However, the flying pumpkins still caught the attention of KREM news, which ran a short piece on the pumpkin launching later that night.

Both Belet and Knudson had a very positive experience with the project.

"I have always liked to use my creativity and my hands while working on projects," said Knudson. "So this was the perfect project to go out and apply those skills."

Knudson and Belet's group, which included freshmen Dan Lewis and Craig Harris, had the farthest launch on Saturday of 182 feet to win the competition. Unfortunately, one of the other groups' trebuchets broke after their practice launch.

However, Belet said he would have wanted to participate in the contest even if he wasn't in the class and he didn't care about winning anything.

"It's about making the coolest trebuchet and obliterating pumpkins in the Back 40. It doesn't get much cooler than that," he said. "I've also realized that this engineering stuff is pretty sweet."

PEACE

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dancing even though it's a small space," Hoback said.

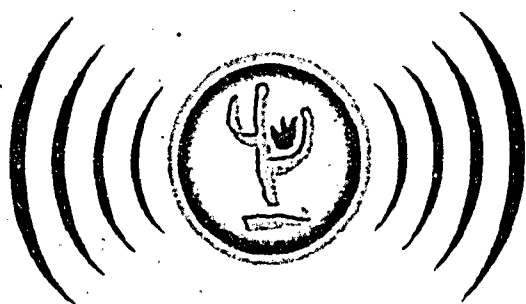
Both Hoback and White said they were concerned with the time left for the rest of the acts. The HUB has to be closed by 11:30 p.m. and at a quarter till eleven, only half the acts had performed.

In order to conserve time and give everyone a chance to perform, Davis asked each act to cut their performance down to one song.

Another notable performance was by freshman Brienne Jensen. During her song "Prayer of the Children," Jensen played a Powerpoint presentation of children in poverty around the world.

Warren Peace ended with the Exceptional Praise gospel choir's grand finale. Starting out with an a cappella song, they then coaxed students out of their seats clapping along with the piano and drums. The choir proved a huge crowd pleaser.

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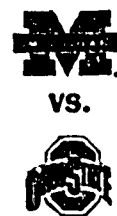
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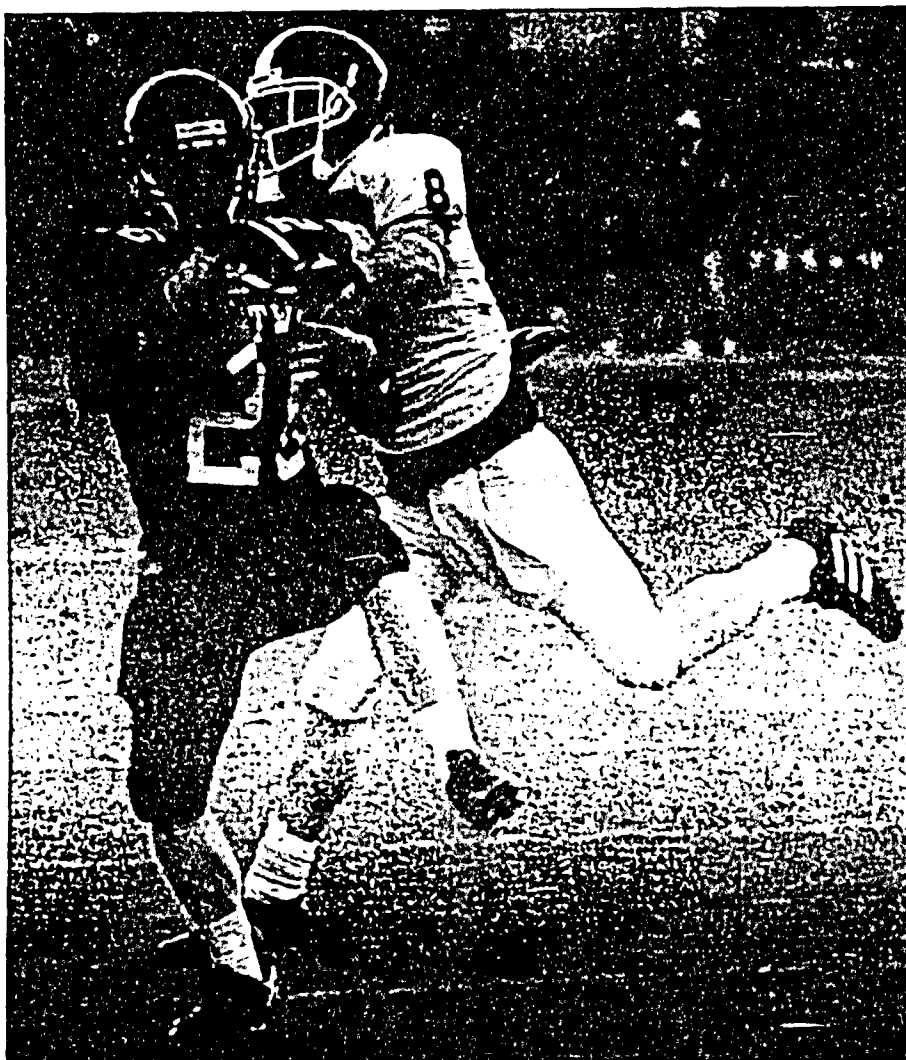
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Junior Phil Entel makes one of his two interceptions of the game last Saturday against the University of Puget Sound Loggers. Logger receiver Aaron Bean tries to tackle Entel.



Senior quarterback Joel Clark looks for a receiver last Saturday as Logger linebacker Bucky Brenner tries to make a play. Clark passed for 379 yards and four touchdowns.

Perfection!



@ Redlands
W 28-3



vs. La Verne
W 37-16



@ Wisc.-Stout
W 14-13 (OT)



vs. Azusa Pac.
W 17-14



@ PLU
W 19-7



vs. L&C
W 70-3



@ Menlo
W 26-7



vs. Willamette
W 28-14



@ Linfield
W 17-13



vs. UPS
W 44-27

Pirates complete 10-0 season, win NWC Championship

Justin Jose
Staff writer

As the clock ran down, a jubilant and Gatorade-soaked coach John Tully saluted the crowd, flashing 10 fingers to signify the Pirates record breaking year of 10-0 and Northwest Conference title with their defeat of the University of Puget Sound 44-27.

"There's just this huge surge of emotion and excitement right now," junior cornerback Ryan Marshall said of the celebration as the clock ticked down. "It's an amazing feeling to accomplish this feat because the hard work we put in during summer paid off."

While the defense forced the Loggers into four turnovers, the Pirates two senior stars, tight end Michael Allan and quarterback Joel Clark, fittingly led the Pirates to victory.

The first quarter produced a barrage of points as both teams lit up the scoreboard for a combined 35 points.

On the Pirates' first play from scrimmage, Clark hit an open Allan who raced downfield for the 74-yard score.

The Loggers responded with a seven-play, 73-yard drive leading to a touchdown. On fourth-and-five at the Pirate 36 yard line, quarterback Kavin Williams hit wide receiver Aaron Bean and, 36 yards and one play later, the score was tied at seven.

Whitworth's second play from scrimmage resulted in another gain as Clark connected with Allan along the right sideline for a 69-yard reception, bringing the ball to the Loggers 11. Two plays later, Clark ran into the end-zone for a six-yard touchdown, giving the Pirates the lead back.

Big plays and quick strikes continued as the Loggers running back Isaac Blum took a Pirate kickoff 80 yards down to the Pirate 14-yard line. Two plays later, running back Rory Lee plunged into the end-zone from four yards out and following the extra point, the scoreboard read 14-14.

On the Pirates next drive, the Loggers forced a turnover when sophomore wide receiver Tyler Hannon coughed up the ball at the Pirate 39-yard line. Silas Paul

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Pirate defenders stop Logger running back Rory Lee last Saturday. The defense has sacked opposing quarterbacks 57 times this season, while forcing eight turnovers.

Defense continues to be among best in nation

Sara Morehouse
Staff writer

Whitworth's defense has put in years of work on their skills and are now seeing the fruits of their labor.

The Pirates have won every game this season, the longest winning streak in the history of Whitworth football, an accomplishment they owe to their strong defensive line.

Three years ago, when the core of the current defense came to Whitworth, the offense carried the team during that first year when the defense was still young, says defensive line coach Kirk Westre. But now, he says the defense is "holding up our end of the bargain."

"They don't need a lot of coaching anymore," Westre said. "They get it. They believe it."

The Pirates play by an aggressive style of defense, meaning they blitz

about 85 percent of the time, Westre said.

"We create the action, not dictate the action," he said.

Westre has coached football for 21 years, 12 of those at Whitworth and three of those for defense. He uses his past of coaching in offense to fuel the defense.

"I knew what gave me problems for offense and we try to frame our defensive strategy around that," Westre said.

The strategy appears to be working. Whitworth stands at 6-0 in the conference after their win against University of Puget Sound last Saturday and are headed for the NCAA Division III playoffs.

Junior defensive back Ryan Marshall attests to the defense's commitment to each other and their focus on the group rather than each player.

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Swimming tops Whitman, loses to Seattle

Elise Page
Staff writer

Whitworth swimming opened this past weekend with back-to-back dual meets. They took on NCAA Division II Seattle University Redhawks and the Division III Whitman College Missionaries, finishing with a loss and a victory.

Last Friday, the Pirates took on Seattle University in a non-conference meet. The Redhawk men won 10 of the 11 events, with the final score of the meet 150-53.

The only victory claimed by the Bucs was by junior David Dolphay, who won the 500 Freestyle in 4:50.8.

The women also lost to the Redhawks by a score of 120-85, though they won

six of 11 events.

Whitworth freshman Natalie Turner won the 1,000 Freestyle with a time of 10:43.93 and the 500 Freestyle with a time of 5:13.46. Whitworth sophomore Brittany Gresset won the 50 Freestyle in 24.53 and the 100 Freestyle in 53.86. Junior Samantha Kephart won the 200 Freestyle in 1:58.01 and the Whitworth women won the 200 Freestyle Relay in 1:40.19.

"If we had been against a Division III school, it would have been a great day for us, but this team was Division II, so it was a definite challenge," Turner said.

Last Saturday, both the Whitworth men and women came back to claim victory against the Whitman Missionaries. The Whitworth

men won with a score of 129-71.

The men won eight of the 11 events, opening the race with a win in the 400 Medley Relay with a time of 3:43.05. Senior Nathan Newberg won the 1,650 Freestyle in 17:55.74, Dolphay won the 200 Freestyle in 1:49.75, junior Josh McDowell won the 200 Butterfly in 2:06.01.

Junior Bryan Clarke won the 100 Freestyle in 50.37, junior Luke Stocker won the 200 Backstroke in 2:03.66 and freshman Kris Asleson won the 200 Breaststroke in 2:24.72.

"Kris Asleson had a great race and a very close touch out in the breaststroke," freshman Yasi Khesghi said.

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Kyle Bisch/Whitworthian

Senior Nathan Newberg swims the breaststroke portion of the 400 Individual Medley in the dual meet against Whitman College. He placed third in the event.

CROSS COUNTRY

Lauterbach runs her way to nationals

KT Pridgen
Staff writer

Senior Julie Lauterbach will be headed to the NCAA Division III National Championships for the second time after qualifying at the NCAA Division III West Regional meet last Saturday.

Lauterbach finished fifth overall with a time of 22:56.63.



LAUTERBACH

"She ran great as she always does," head coach Toby Schwarz said of Lauterbach's performance. "She has yet to have a bad race ever. It's a rare person that can go out there and run well every race and she tends to do that every time she runs."

Lauterbach will be running at nationals next Saturday in Mason, Ohio.

Freshman Dusty Caseria was the top finisher for the Whitworth men and earned All-West Regional honors.

"I had to be in the top 35 and I was 38th with 800 [meters] left. I knew I had to pass the guys in front of me to be able to get it. I did get it, barely," Caseria said.

Caseria finished 34th overall with a time of 26:24.15.

"Dusty ran great. It's very unique for a freshman to get all-regional honors," Schwarz said.

As a team, the Whitworth women placed

seventh with 187 points. Willamette took home the team championship with 63 points.

"We definitely ran like we've been running all year which is really well. The problem is the competition is better this year than it's ever been," Schwarz said.

Running second for the Pirates was freshman Jo E Mayer who finished 38th with a time of 24:29.98. Also scoring for the Pirates were freshman Gillian Goodrich who placed 45th, senior Andrea Carnahan who placed 51st and junior Emily Hurd who placed 52nd.

On the men's side, the Pirates placed ninth as a team with 228 points, with Willamette taking first place with 75 points, sweeping the team titles.

"I think everyone ran really well. We didn't place as well as we'd hoped, but I think that's more because we're in a tough region with good competition and not because of how we ran," Caseria said. "Everyone agreed that we ran better than in Conference when it came to just going out and competing."

Senior Jeff Grassley finished second for Whitworth, coming in 38th with a time of 26:31.05. Junior Jacob Deitz, freshman Collin Stewart and senior Travis Huskisson also scored for the Pirates, coming in 40th, 59th and 63rd respectively.

"It was a slow course, a tough course and we went out and ran the best we could," Schwarz said. "We're content with our finish, but we're going to go out and work hard to improve next year."

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"We are not concerned with individual stats; we are concerned with winning as a team," Marshall said.

As a result of their unified play, their individual stats are impressive. Junior linebacker Casey Clifton was

named the Northwest Conference's Defensive Player of the Week two weeks ago. He was also selected for the D3football.com Team of the Week for his performance against Linfield on Nov. 4.

Clifton currently leads the team with 86 tackles, with a high of 17 in the game against Linfield College. Junior linebacker Greg Caster came in second for the team with 63. Marshall and junior defensive back Jay Tully, who Westre calls "the play guys," are both tied at six interceptions, each with a total 76-yard returns. Junior defensive back Phil Entel follows closely with seven interceptions and a total 74-yard return, two

of which came against Puget Sound this past weekend.

In the conference, Clifton is second in total tackles only to Kevin Takeno from Lewis & Clark College. Clifton is also tied with junior defensive lineman Peter Clark at the top of the conference with three forced fumbles.

Tully leads the conference with seven total passes defended. Though these numbers are impressive, the defense stays focused on their effectiveness as a team.

"The job gets done," Clark said. "It's not just individuals getting the credit for it."

While being interviewed, Westre refused to comment on any one defensive player but insisted on praising each one for their individual strengths. He values the entire defensive line not just for their "intellect and experience," but also for their character, he said.

"Most importantly, they are all great human beings. It's a pleasure to come to work each day."

"Most importantly, they are all great human beings. It's a pleasure to come to work each day."

Kirk Westre,
Defensive Coordinator

Sports BRIEFS

Wildcats stun eighth-ranked Golden Bears

The University of Arizona Wildcats defeated the eighth-ranked University of California Golden Bears 24-20 last Saturday in Arizona. The Bears, who were leading the Pac-10, lost their second game of the year, ending their eight-game win streak. The loss knocked the Bears out of the national title hunt. Cal can still clinch its first Rose Bowl berth since the 1958 season with a victory over USC this Saturday.

Sosa denies steroids helped him in career

In 1998, Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire grabbed the nation's attention as they waged an assault on the all-time single-season home run record. Sosa denies that steroids played any part in his outstanding career.

"No question about it," Sosa told the Chicago Tribune last Friday. "I am clean and I always have been clean. There has been a lot of speculation, but they don't have no evidence. So you take it from there. They haven't been writing a book about me doing this or doing that." Sosa is attempting a comeback in 2007.

Brayton and Stevens fined after fight

Seattle Seahawks tight end Jerramy Stevens and Oakland Raiders defensive end Taylor Brayton were each fined by the NFL following an altercation on Monday Night Football Nov. 6. Brayton and Stevens were fined \$25,000 and \$15,000 respectively, after the Seahawks' 16-0 victory over the Raiders. The NFL director of football operations, Gene Washington, ruled that Stevens attempted to kick Brayton in the groin. Brayton responded with his own attempt to knee Stevens in the groin. Brayton was ejected from the game.

Ex-Zag leads Houston to MLS Championship

Houston Dynamo forward Brian Ching scored in overtime, just a minute after New England Revolution's Taylor Twellman scored what appeared to be the game-winner in overtime last Sunday. The Dynamo went on to win in penalty kicks. Ching, a former Gonzaga standout, also scored a penalty kick, as Houston edged New England 4-3 in PK's.

—Compiled by
Yasmeen Cobb

PIRATES: Whitworth defense shuts down Puget Sound in second half

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capped the rampage of points in the quarter with a one-yard touchdown run, giving the Loggers a 21-14 lead.

The Pirates responded with a 10-play drive led by Clark and junior wide receiver Steve Silva who connected three times for 47 yards and capped by a 19-yard touchdown connection. Senior kicker Cameron Collings PAT was blocked, leaving the Loggers in the lead, 21-20.

All year the Pirate defense has been a staple for big plays and locking down on opponent's offenses. For Marshall, the key to the defense has been cohesiveness.

"Our defense is filled with players that have played with each other for two or three years, so the trust level is very high and there is just

a connection, a gelling," Marshall said. "If one person messes up, we are there to back him up."

Like they have done all year, the defense made a statement.

The Loggers were held to a three and out. On the ensuing punt, junior safety Jay Tully sliced through the line and swatted the punt down. Tully attempted to scoop the ball up while running and finally corralled the ball in the back of the end-zone putting the Pirates back in the lead.

From that point on, the Pirate defense shut down the Logger offense, forcing three interceptions, one by

Marshall, two by junior defensive back Phil Entel and three punts. The Loggers were held scoreless until six minutes remained in the contest.

Meanwhile, the Pirate offense sailed along, adding a Collings field goal and two more touchdowns: a 66-yard pass to Allan and an 11-yard pass to Tully for the final Pirates score.

Clark finished the day with 379 yards passing, completing 16 of 22 passes for four touchdowns, two interceptions and one rushing touchdown.

The Pirates receiving corps was led by Allan, who set a new school

"It's an amazing feeling to accomplish this feat because the hard work we put in during summer paid off."

Ryan Marshall,
Defensive Back



Football FINAL

	NWC	ALL
Whitworth	6-0	10-0
Linfield	5-1	6-3
PLU	4-2	4-5
UPS	3-3	7-3
Willamette	2-4	2-7
Menlo	1-5	4-6
L&C	0-6	0-9

Next Pirate game:
Whitworth vs. Occidental
Saturday, Nov. 18 @ Noon

Women's Soccer FINAL

	NWC	ALL
UPS	13-12	15-14
Willamette	13-21	16-23
Whitworth	10-51	12-52
Whitman	8-44	8-54
PLU	8-62	11-72
George Fox	4-102	6-122
Linfield	4-102	6-122
L&C	3-121	5-141
Pacific	1-141	3-142

Men's Soccer FINAL

	NWC	ALL
UPS	10-22	13-32
Whitworth	9-3-2	10-53
PLU	9-4-1	12-61
Linfield	7-5-2	10-62
Pacific	7-6-1	10-61
Whitman	4-8-2	5-8-2
George Fox	4-9-1	8-9-2
Willamette	0-13-1	1-17-1

Volleyball FINAL

	NWC	ALL
Linfield	14-2	22-3
PLU	14-2	20-7
UPS	11-5	16-7
Whitman	10-6	14-10
George Fox	6-10	10-17
Pacific	6-10	9-17
Whitworth	6-10	7-20
L&C	5-11	7-19
Willamette	0-16	4-22

Men's Basketball this week:
Whitworth at Lee Pfund Classic
Nov. 17-18, Wheaton, Ill.

Women's Basketball this week:
Whitworth at UCSC Tourney.
Nov. 17-18, Santa Cruz, Calif.

Swimming this week:
Whitworth vs. Willamette
Fri., Nov. 17 @ 6 p.m.

Player of THE WEEK



Michael Allan
Tight End

School record 251
yards, two TDs



Kyle Black Whitworthian

Junior Katelyn Erickson competes in the backstroke last Friday. She finished second in the race with a time of 1:02.99, just a half-second behind the winner of the race, Fran Reale of Seattle University.

SWIMMING

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"It was pretty cool."

The men closed the meet with a victory in the 400 Free Relay with a time of 3:28.22.

The Pirate women won nine of 11 events to win their meet.

Junior Katelyn Erickson, Gresset, Kephart and Turner opened the meet with a win in the 400 Medley Relay with a time of 4:06.94. Gresset went on to win the 50 Freestyle with a time of 24.96.

Kephart claimed victories in both the 200 Butterfly with a time of 2:09.88 and 500 Freestyle in 5:27.55. Erickson won both the 1,650 Free in 18:43.48 and 200 Breaststroke in 2:33.85.

"Katelyn Erickson's performance on Saturday was amazing, considering she doesn't usually swim long distance," Turner said.

Turner won both the 400 Individual Medley in 4:48.26 and 100 Freestyle in 54.17. Sophomore Ashley Scroggy also won the 200 Freestyle in 2:04.62 for the Pirates.

The Whitworth women won 127-74.

"We've been working really hard so far this season, and for the amount of training we put in, we did well," Kheshgi said.

The Pirates take on Willamette University this Friday in the Aquatic Center at 6 p.m.

CONFERENCE BRIEFS

Men's Soccer

The University of Puget Sound was not able to overcome an early deficit as they fell to the University of California-Santa Cruz Banana Slugs, 1-0, in the first round of the NCAA Division III Men's Soccer Championship on Saturday in San Antonio. The Slugs' Harry Abraham beat Logger goalkeeper Pete Van Sant in the 21st minute and held off Puget Sound the rest of the way to advance to the second round. Van Sant made four saves on the day, while Slugs keeper Jared Wheeler made eight saves.

Women's Soccer

The University of Puget Sound Loggers were able to force their NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Championship first round game into overtime after Katie Gillette scored in the 89th minute, but the Hardin-Simmons Cowgirls won a shootout, 6-5, in Tacoma, Wash., last Saturday. Puget Sound opened the scoring in the sixth minute, but the Cowgirls scored just 13 seconds later to even the game. Hardin-Simmons went up 2-1 on a goal in the 56th minute, only to have it tied up with Gillette's goal.

Women's Soccer

The Willamette University Bearcats were able to take the No. 1 ranked Trinity University to a shootout, but were not able to complete the upset, losing 3-1 in penalty kicks. Trinity took the lead on an unassisted goal by Chelsea Wilson in the 65th minute, but the Bearcats answered when Willamette's leading scorer, Susan Butler, headed in a free kick in the 85th minute. In the shootout, Trinity goalkeeper Alexandra Blake recorded three saves, while Willamette goalie Kari Woody made only one save as Trinity won.

Volleyball

Unranked University of Redlands won its 11th straight match, knocking off No. 14 Linfield College in three straight games in the semifinals of the NCAA Division III West Regional by a score of 30-16, 30-28, 30-25. No NWC teams are left after Pacific Lutheran University was ousted by Redlands in the previous round 28-30, 30-22, 26-30, 30-21, 16-14.



NBA 2007 PLAYOFF PICKS

NBA Finals
PICK

Collin Storm sports editor	Eastern Finals - Cavs over Bulls	 Spurs over Cavs
	Western Finals - Spurs over Mavericks	
	MVP - LeBron James	
Peter Smelser editor-in-chief	Rookie of the Year - Adam Morrison	 Mavericks over Bulls
	Eastern Finals - Bulls over Heat	
	Western Finals - Mavericks over Clippers	
Peter Burke opinions editor	MVP - Dwayne Wade	 Mavericks over Bulls
	Rookie of the Year - Brandon Roy	
	Eastern Finals - Cavs over Wizards	
Amanda Beason copy editor	Western Finals - Mavericks over Rockets	 Mavericks over Bulls
	MVP - LeBron James	
	Rookie of the Year - Rudy Gay	
Justin Jose staff writer	Eastern Finals - Bulls over Heat	 Spurs over Bulls
	Western Finals - Spurs over Mavericks	
	MVP - Dwayne Wade	
James Spung staff writer	Rookie of the Year - Craig Smith	 Cavs over Clippers
	Eastern Finals - Cavs over Bulls	
	Western Finals - Clippers over Spurs	
Leah Motz asst. copy editor	MVP - Allen Iverson	 Spurs over Cavs
	Rookie of the Year - Brandon Roy	
	Eastern Finals - Cavs over Heat	
	Western Finals - Spurs over Jazz	 Spurs over Cavs
	MVP - Dwayne Wade	
	Rookie of the Year - Rudy Gay	
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	Western Finals - Spurs over Jazz	
	MVP - LeBron James	
	Rookie of the Year - Adam Morrison	

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FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PREVIEW

Matchups to Watch:



VS.



Andy Collins (QB) vs. Ryan Marshall (DB)

Collins, an All-American for the Tigers, averages nearly 284 yards of total offense per game and ranks among the nation's best in pass efficiency (161.9). Marshall is a pre-season All-American and is tied for a team lead of seven interceptions on the season.



VS.



Michael Allan (TE) vs. Kyle Stowers (DB)

Allan set a school record of 251 receiving yards in one game and has set a number of Pirate receiving records. He also has been scouted by numerous NFL teams. Stowers is leading the SCIAC in pass break-ups this season and has an interception.



VS.



Joel Clark (QB) vs. Anthony Ostland (LB)

Clark leads the Pirates with 370 rushing yards and 2,151 passing yards. He has broken career records for total offense, career passing yardage and career touchdown passes. Ostland has four interceptions and 31 tackles this season, which are among the best in SCIAC.



VS.



Matt Andersen (RB) vs. Casey Clifton (LB)

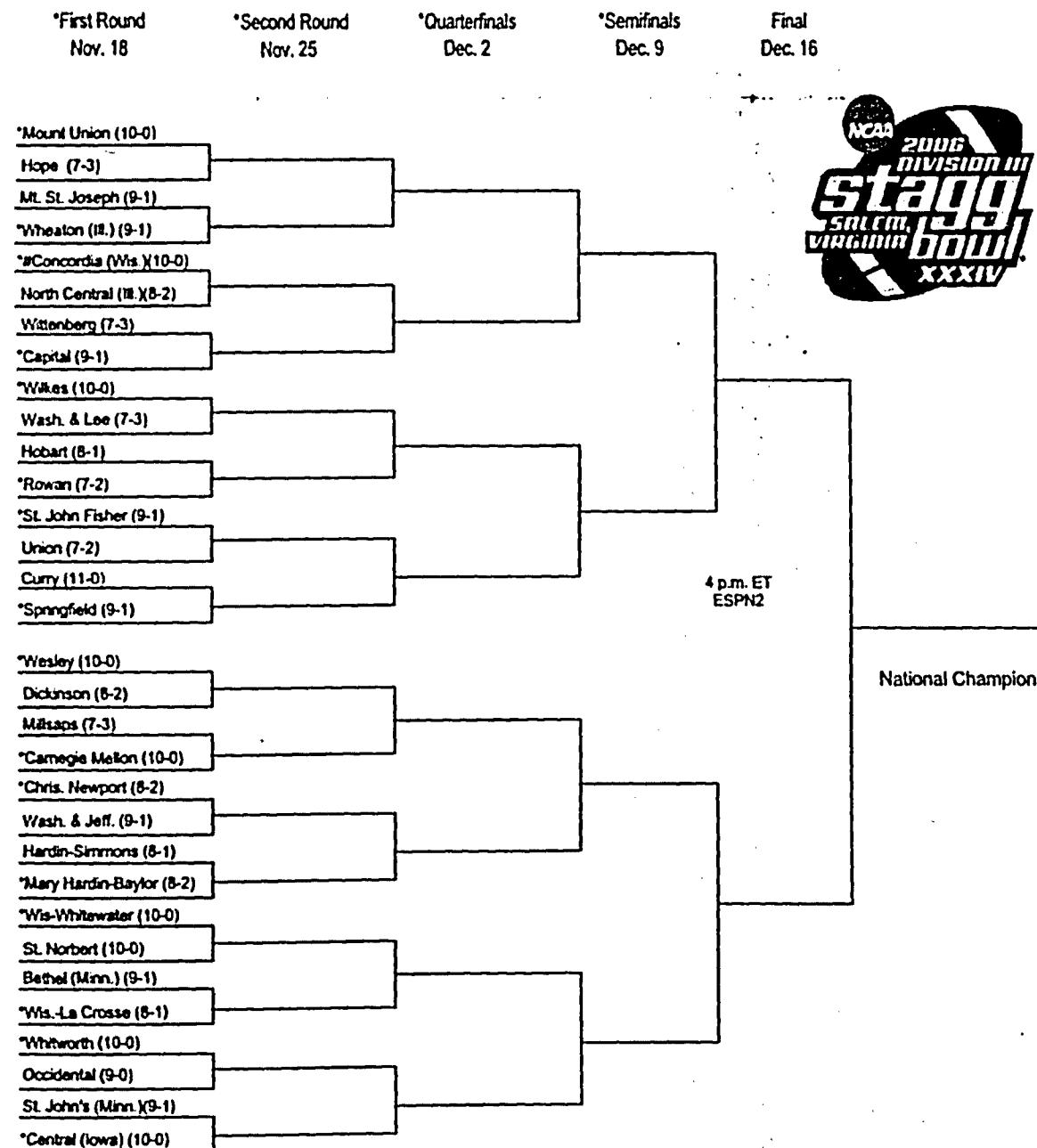
Andersen averages 83.5 yards per game and has scored 12 touchdowns in only nine contests for the Tigers. Clifton, named NWC Defensive Player of the Week on Nov. 4, leads the Pirates with 85 tackles and 3.5 sacks this season and has recovered a fumble.

Occidental Schedule/Results

Sept. 9 vs. Lewis & Clark College W 49-7
Sept. 16 vs. Colorado College W 48-34
Sept. 30 vs. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps W 42-13
Oct. 7 at Redlands W 24-10
Oct. 14 at La Verne W 49-14

Oct. 21 vs. Pomona-Pitzer Colleges W 38-23
Oct. 28 at Cal Lutheran W 28-27
Nov. 4 at Chapman W 41-21
Nov. 11 vs. Whittier College W 34-30
Record: 9-0, 5-0 in SCIAC

DIVISION III PLAYOFF BRACKET



2006 Occidental Tigers Roster



No.	Name	Ht.	Lbs.	Pos.	Yr.
1	Andy Collins	6'2	210	QB	Sr.
2	Matt Andersen	6'0	195	RB	Jr.
3	Scott Saunders	5'11	195	RB/P	Fr.
4	James Leonard	5'10	195	DB	Jr.
5	David Lafromboise	6'0	165	QB	Fr.
6	Joseph Hernandez	5'9	170	DB	So.
7	Joe Zackary	6'0	210	LB	Sr.
8	Justin Goltz	6'5	215	QB	So.
9	Tim Tanous	6'1	215	LB	Sr.
10	Michael Adams	5'8	150	WR	Jr.
11	Phillip Guerrero	5'10	190	WR	Jr.
12	Julian David	5'10	165	RB	So.
13	Jay Arthur	6'0	200	LB	Fr.
14	Joey Coverson	6'1	200	WR	Jr.
15	Aaron Stanton	5'11	180	WR	Fr.
16	Michael Covino	6'3	210	QB	Jr.
17	Michael Winchell	6'2	200	WR	Sr.
18	John Morris	5'10	180	QB	So.
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41	Brian Crider	6'1	210	LB	Jr.
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49	Trevor Deussen	6'2	190	WR	Fr.
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51	Cesar Serrano	6'0	225	LB	Jr.
52	Patrick Sarkissian	5'10	195	LB	Fr.
53	Sam Emerson	6'1	255	OL	So.
54	Thomas Woodruff	6'2	245	DL	Sr.
55	Garrett Hosteller	5'11	230	OL	Jr.
56	Tommy Andre	5'11	220	LB	Fr.
57	Austin Barnum	5'10	235	DL	Fr.
58	Victor Lopez	6'3	255	DL	Jr.
59	Thomas Bergstrom	5'10	195	LB	Fr.
60	Jeffrey Whitlock	5'11	185	LB	Fr.
63	Christopher Kyles	6'3	250	OL	Jr.
64	Tim Creamer	5'10	200	LB	Fr.
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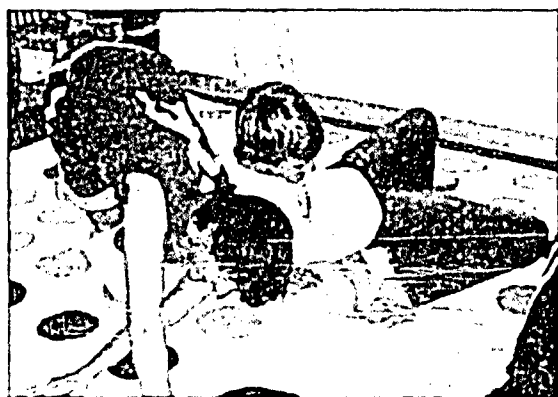
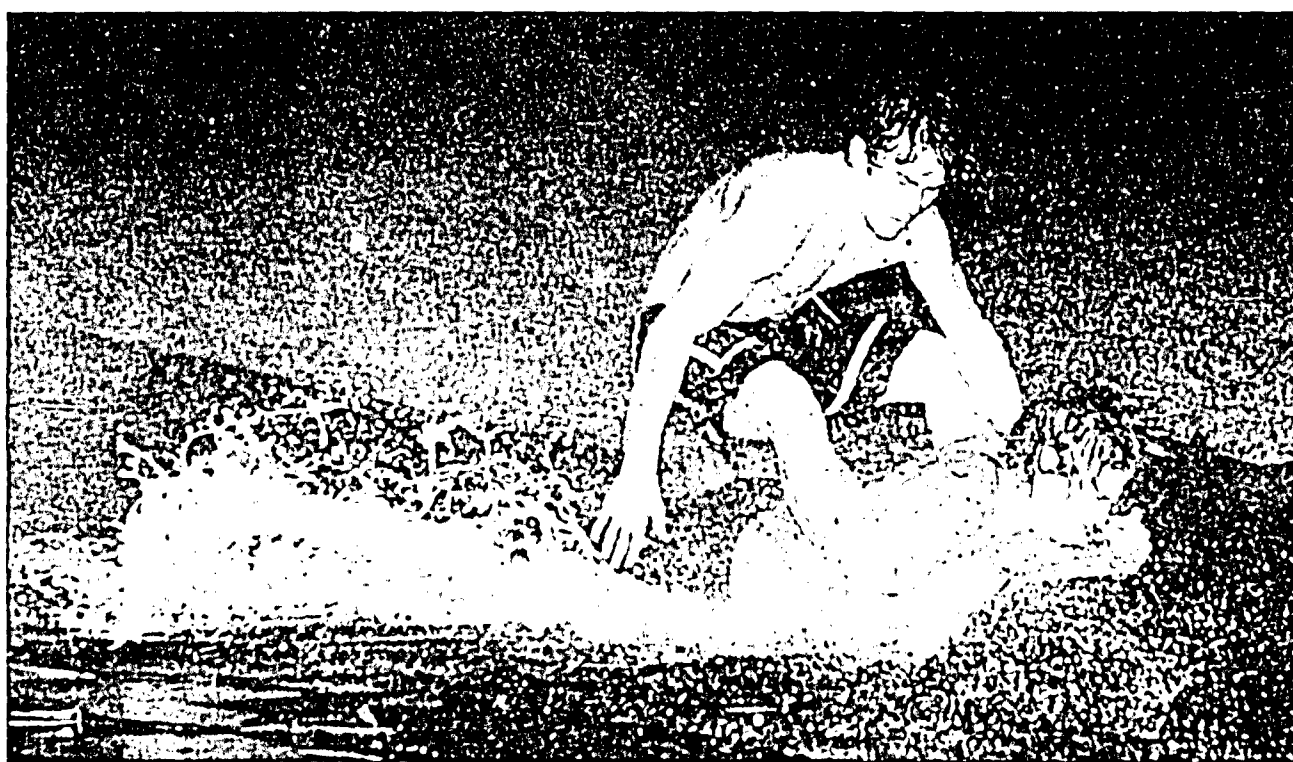
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TOP: One of the visiting dogs from the Humane Society tries to lick freshman Thomas Hamming on Nov. 7. A variety of animals were available to play with for that night of Schumacher Awareness Week.

Myra Jones Whitworthian

MIDDLE LEFT: Junior Scott Donnell slides through junior Zach Cannard's legs on a hot waterslide outside Stewart on Nov. 5.

Thomas Robinson Whitworthian

ABOVE: Junior Ozzie Crocco and freshman Tyler Rauh play giant Twister on Nov. 6 for Schumacher Awareness Week.

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Lacey Offutt*

RIGHT: Sophomore Nate Montgomery goes up for a slam dunk during the dunk contest at Midnight Madness last Saturday.

Jesse Clark Whitworthian

FAR MIDDLE RIGHT: Junior Cletus "Josh McDowell" Hickenbottom hangs out with freshman Daniel Bergman at the swim meet last Saturday against Whitman College. Whitworth's men's and women's teams both won the meet.

Kyle Birch Whitworthian

FAR RIGHT: Pirate cheerleaders lift junior Amy Scott during halftime of the football game versus UPS last Saturday. Whitworth won 44-27.

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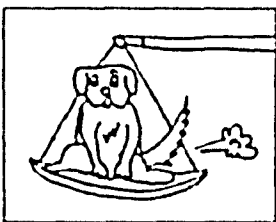
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Islanders enrollment dwindling

Jessica Kauhi
Staff writer

A number of factors contribute to the problem, but the fact is, admission of students from Hawaii decreased by 62 percent since 2001.

Director of institutional research Gary Whisenand said in the fall of 2006 the total number of students from Hawaii attending Whitworth was 23 with only three incoming first-year students.

These numbers are down from the fall of 2000 and 2001 when the total number of students from Hawaii was 50 and 61 respectively with 15 incoming first-year students both years, Whisenand said.

President of Whitworth's Hawaiian Club and junior Cara Bellwood said the club, Na Pu'uwai O Hawaii, is headed by nine officers, only three of whom are actually from Hawaii. Last year's

officers consisted of five students from Hawaii. Bellwood herself is from western Oregon.

Kamehameha Schools' college counselor for the Kapalama Campus Amy Sato believes that there is not one specific thing that has affected Kamehameha School, a group of high schools in Hawaii, enrollment at Whitworth.

The students there have become more adventurous in their willingness to go beyond the West Coast and are spreading themselves out over a wider number of colleges. Students from last year's class are attending 125 different colleges in 28 states and one foreign country, which is a record for that campus, Sato said.

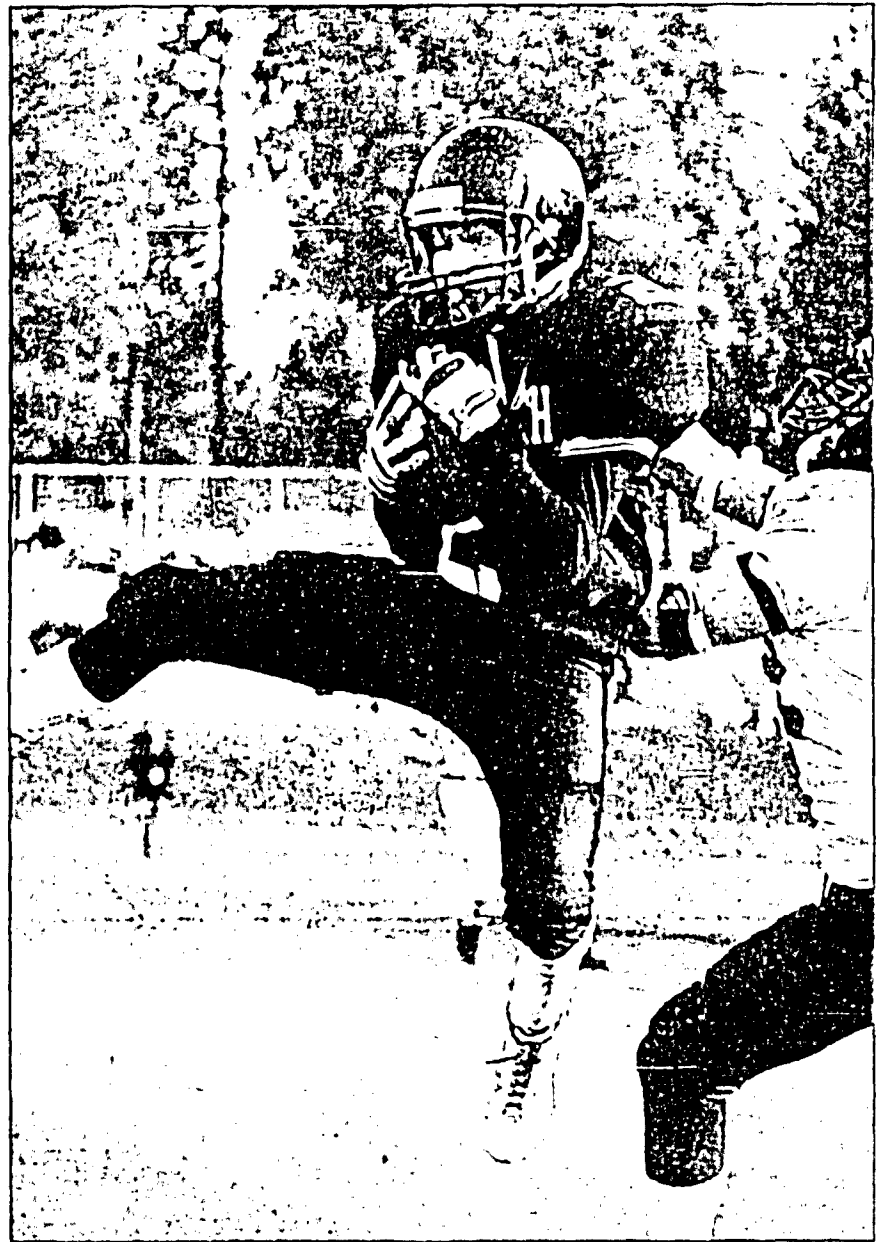
Sato also said that financial aid plays a big part in a family's decision as well. A better finan-

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OVERLOOKED
A SERIES EXAMINING THOSE WHO DO NOT COME TO WHITWORTH



Squeaking by



Jesse Clark/Whitworthian

Junior wide receiver Nick "Squeaks" Koller catches a 42-yard pass from senior quarterback Joel Clark on the 4-yard line with 44 seconds left in the game to set up Whitworth College's winning touchdown. Whitworth won 27-23 against Occidental College last Saturday in the first round of the Division III playoffs.

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Pooled funds fall outside revised ethical guidelines

Megan Rieger
Staff writer

Whitworth's ethical investment guidelines were updated during the Board of Trustees meeting last month. The changes address the college's investments in pooled funds, which contain many different shares invested in by several firms.

A mutual fund, for example, is one type of pooled fund within the broader designation.

"You can have pooled equity [stock], you can have pooled bonds, you can have pooled real estate, you can have pooled pork bellies, you can have pooled timber land," Tom Johnson, vice president of business affairs, said.

The diverse nature of pooled funds makes it difficult to ensure the college's investments are untainted.

"It's very difficult to say that we're absolutely positive that we aren't invested in stocks within these pool funds that aren't within the bounds of the [ethical] guidelines," endowment committee member and Trustee Ray Lawton said.

Those ethical investment guidelines, last updated in 1993, outline the moral responsibility of the Trustees and financial officers of the college to make financial decisions consistent with the mission of Whitworth. The document includes prohibitions against knowingly investing in corporations that are linked to violence, engaged in

human rights violations, associated with gross pollution or involved in fraudulent action.

Whitworth hires money managers, commonly known as brokers, to make stock investment decisions for the college. Those money managers are expected to follow Whitworth's ethical investment guidelines, Johnson said.

Yet when it comes to pooled funds, individual funds within the larger group cannot be managed.

"We have no authority to tell a mutual fund that they can or cannot buy a certain stock," Johnson said.

The new ethical guidelines address the ambiguous nature of

pooled funds. The document states that "investments in pooled funds, which the college and foundation may select for diversification or cost-management purposes, cannot be controlled or modified to comply with these Ethical Investing Guidelines."

At the end of last June, Whitworth had approximately \$17 million in assets invested and retained in four equity pooled funds, or approximately 29 percent of the \$58 million endowment, according to the quarterly performance summary. That means roughly half of Whitworth's assets invested in stock are in equity pooled funds.

Investing money in pooled funds on behalf of the college is a complex issue, Lawton noted.

"It gets difficult, because you give \$1,000 to a fund, and that

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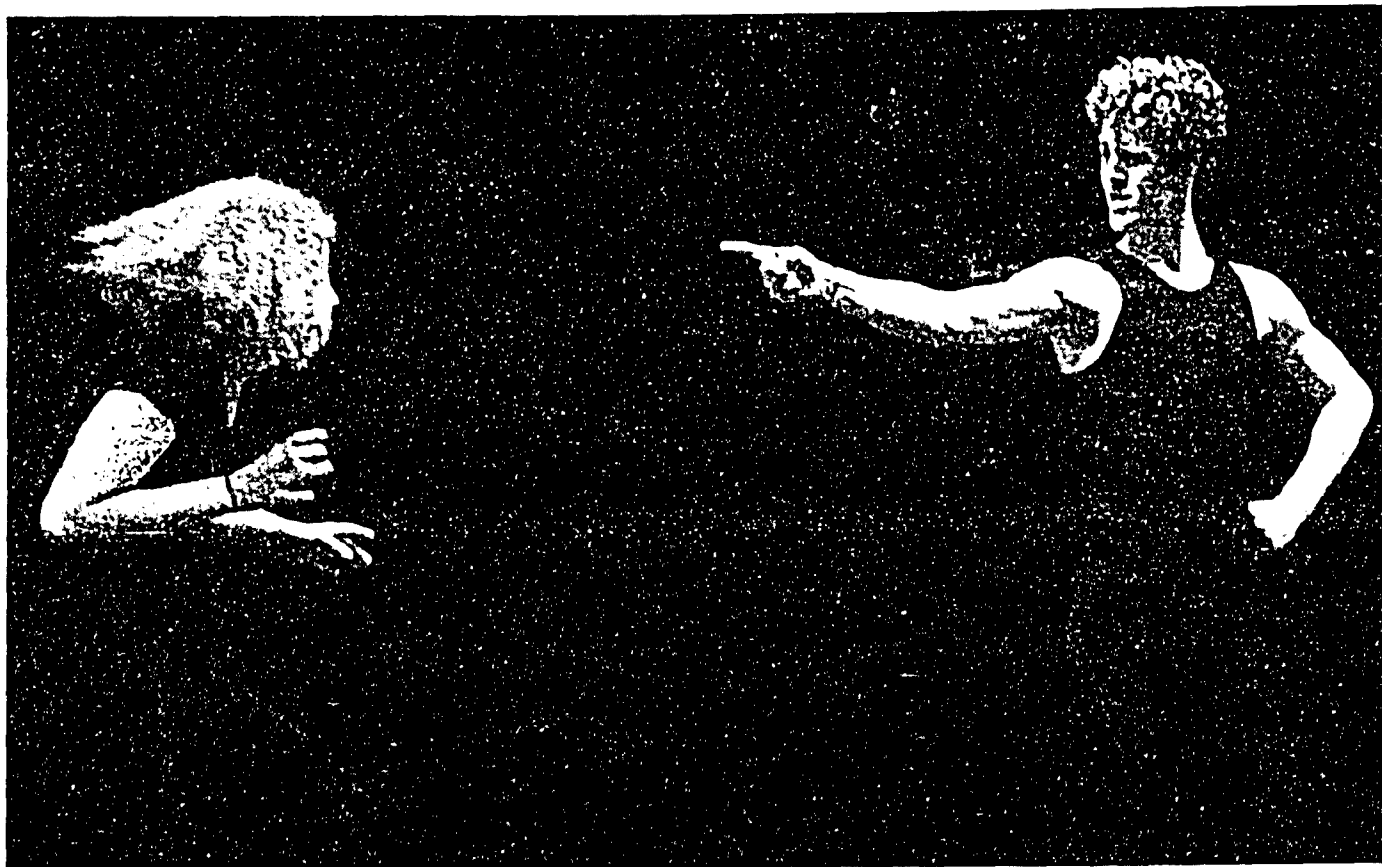
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Juniors Alicia Doyl and Ben White (now seniors) rehearse for "Mirror, Mirror" last March. The Theatre Department recently won the City of Spokane Bold Strokes Award for programs such as "Mirror Mirror."

Heather DeCamp/
Whitworthian

Theatre Department receives award

Award aims at programs that change community through art

Tracey Brown
Staff writer

The Whitworth Theatre Department was recently named the 2006 City of Spokane Bold Strokes Award recipient for achievement in changing the community of Spokane through art.

"It is extremely gratifying for the department to be recognized. We put a lot of energy and effort into making opportunities for service available, but it is the students that are really the ones doing the work," said Rick Horner, professor and chair of the Theatre Department and the faculty director of service learning.

The award, which was presented by the Spokane Arts Commission in October, recognizes the department's numerous independent and collabora-

tive projects within the Spokane community.

Senior Alicia Doyl has taken part in several of these projects, including performing in "Mirror, Mirror: The Body Image Show" and working in an after-school program at the West Central Community Center.

She is currently a member of Whitworth's improvisational class, which conducts a service learning project at the Spokane County Juvenile Detention Center.

"I grew up on the South Hill of Spokane, which is predominately middle to upper class whites," Doyl said. "This has really opened my eyes to a very different area of Spokane."

Once a week, Horner and the class go to the center to play improvisational games with the students and to engage in conversation and relationship-building with them.

Horner said those juveniles live in an extremely restricted environment. In addition to being in complete lockdown, there are no windows, they all wear the same clothing and they must walk on certain lines on the floor with their

hands clasped behind their backs.

"If nothing else, our visit gives them something to look forward to in an otherwise very bleak existence," Horner said. "When the improvisational group comes, they are able to be free to dance, laugh and express themselves."

Another way in which the Theatre Department interacts with Spokane's youth is through the department's program "Cootie Shots: Theatrical Inoculations against Bigotry for Kids, Parents and Teachers."

"Cootie Shots" features sketches performed by Whitworth students which encourage diversity and tolerance through portrayals of people representing various classes, genders, races, religions, ages and appearances.

"Cootie Shots" has made it into almost every third and fourth grade classroom in Spokane's School District 81," Horner said.

The program is directed by theatre instructor Brooke Kiener, a 1999 Whitworth alumna.

Kiener, the theatre department's newest faculty member, is instigating a

new track for theatre majors: the community-based theatre track.

"In the professional theatre world, community-based theatre is theatre which actively serves a community by engaging its members in the theatre-making process and addressing issues that are of specific interest to the community," Kiener said.

Kiener said the track, which if approved will be available next fall, will require students to take courses outside of the theatre department such as the biblical theme of shame and performance and social change.

"We want students who are a part of the community-based theatre track to have the skills and confidence to start community arts projects," Kiener said.

Kiener will teach an upcoming Jan-Term class where Whitworth students will be working with students at Havermale High School, an alternative school in downtown Spokane.

"The community arts track shows that theatre is an amazing way of reaching out to the community," Doyl said.

Doyl said that one of her favorite community involvement projects has been performing and traveling with the cast of "Mirror, Mirror: The Body Image Show."

"I think the goal of the show was to express that we all have things about our bodies that we do not like. We are all different and we need to accept our differences," Doyl said.

"Mirror, Mirror" was created in 1997 by Whitworth associate professor of theatre Diana Trotter and a group of acting students, but each year students revise the production.

"We all inserted our personal dialogues of our own battles with body image," Doyl said.

The theatre department has engaged in many other community outreach programs, from working with mentally handicapped adults through the On Stage! program to reaching out to homeless kids in an after school program at the YWCA.

"These projects give our students a heart for the underrepresented, a heart for community and a desire to give back with what gifts they have," Horner said.

Whitworth Speaks OUT

"Appreciating differences."



Cheryl Torrence
Sophomore

"Diversity to me is people humbling themselves enough to acknowledge that similarities and differences are beautiful."



Amy Johnson
Sophomore

What does
diversity
mean to you?



Andrew Inouye
Junior

"All different types of ethnicities meshing together to become one."



Vi Nguyen
Sophomore

"Diversity is celebrating differences."

— Compiled by Tim Takechi and Caroline Davis

IM coordinator admits shortfalls

Jessica Davis
News editor

Senior intramural coordinator Eric Fredriksen admitted he has not put as much time into intramurals as he would have liked.

"To make [intramurals] excellent, I could have given more time," Fredriksen said.

Fredriksen was recently hired by an accounting firm in Boise, Idaho. Time put into finding a job pulled him away from intramurals, Fredriksen said.

"My studies and my future past Whitworth is much more important than intramurals will ever be," Fredriksen said.

Fredriksen said that on average he works about 10 hours a week. He said the most he worked for intramurals was 25 hours and the least was two hours in a week.

According to the ASWC budget, the intramural coordinator is paid for 20 hours per week.

Fredriksen hired a head referee, senior Michael Tucker, who also acts as the assistant intramural coordinator to help with the heavy load.

"Michael Tucker helped me find what was wrong, what was right in the intramural organization," Fredriksen said.

Tucker said he works between five to 10 hours per week for intramurals. He said he gets paid for five of those hours as head referee.

Because of his schedule, Tucker said he was unable to help out in the day with soccer and Frisbee. Tucker said he mainly oversaw night games.

"I wish I could have been more available to help him," Tucker said.

Last year, there were two intramural coordinators who split up the sports evenly. This year, Fredriksen is managing intramurals on his own.

Tucker said Fredriksen tried to work with teams to create a plausible schedule, which made the season more difficult.

"Eric would ask the captains of the teams what times are hard for their team to make and he tried to schedule the games around it. Being that accommodating to teams made [scheduling] harder," Tucker said.

Fredriksen said the main priority of intramurals is customer service.

"At times, I might get a little fed up with all the requests I get, but my ultimate goal is to make students happy," Fredriksen said.

Scheduling conflicts and a spike in the num-

ber of forfeits caused some grief for participants in intramurals this past semester.

"Whitworth intramurals is the red-headed stepchild of the athletic program," Fredriksen said.

Anytime Whitworth athletics needs a facility, intramurals is automatically bumped.

"I've always been able to reschedule if the teams wanted it," Fredriksen said.

This year, soccer was moved from indoors in Graves Gym to outdoors at lower Hawthorne field, and was later moved to Holmberg Park.

Moving to Holmberg was the last option for Fredriksen. He said facilities services kicked intramurals off Hawthorne because students tore up the fields.

Initially, there was some confusion about the move to Holmberg Park. A few games had to be rescheduled as referees or students did not show up, Fredriksen said.

The move ended up being beneficial because Fredriksen said students did not like playing on the Hawthorne fields because it is so small.

"We moved all fields over to Holmberg," Fredriksen said. "It's within walking distance of Whitworth College."

Not only did students have to move to Holmberg, but the equipment did as well.

Fredriksen said he received permission from Spokane County Regional Parks to leave the Whitworth owned soccer goals at Holmberg until Thanksgiving. The goals were removed from Holmberg last week.

"I basically took the chance and was hoping [the goals] would not get stolen," Fredriksen said. Fredriksen said it takes hours to deconstruct the goals. Also, Holmberg Park is located near his house so he said he could keep an eye on the goals.

Fredriksen said the new outdoor soccer season went well citing fewer injuries and flaring tempers. He said he observed students having a better time playing.

However, there were a few problems with the past outdoor soccer season. The new schedule seriously conflicted with people's work schedules, Fredriksen said.

Indoor soccer used to meet in the late evening. Because there are no outdoor facilities at Whitworth with lighting, all outdoor soccer games had to be scheduled in the afternoon.

Because of this, there were a large number of forfeits, Fredriksen said.

Forfeits were not confined to soccer. Overall, Fredriksen reported that forfeits doubled this



Thomas Robinson/Whitworthian

Juniors Kurt Vancil and Dallas Crockett and sophomore Kyle Ritter jump for a Frisbee last Wednesday in the IM championship game.

year. He estimated that there were around 10 forfeits last year and around 20 this year.

"Forfeits spiked in all sports due to extreme busyness this year," Fredriksen said.

Tucker said the increase in the number of games students had to play every week was another factor.

"It's tough. I think part of it just that students at Whitworth are fairly involved with a lot of different things," Tucker said.

Tucker said that even referees were not excluded from a busy schedule.

"We were getting complaints that refs weren't showing up either," Tucker said.

In spite of some problems this semester Fredriksen has plans for the spring including a flag football season and changes to the soccer season.

Fredriksen said the first half of the season will go back to indoor soccer next semester. Once the fields are usable, soccer will move outdoors behind the Fieldhouse.

World TIME LINE

Monday:

The 10-member Iraq Study Group met with President Bush and other White House officials. After Thanksgiving, the 10-member group is to make final recommendations concerning future strategies for the war in Iraq.

Tuesday:

New York City's former Republican mayor Rudy Giuliani is considering a run for the 2008 Republican presidential nomination. As a first step, he has formed an exploratory committee to raise money for this task.

Wednesday:

U.N. secretary general Kofi Annan said at the annual U.N. climate conference in Nairobi that the big polluters, such as the United States or China, have to strive harder to protect the environment. The reduction of emissions today is much cheaper than combating its consequences tomorrow, Annan said.

Thursday:

France's Socialists have, for the first time, nominated a female presidential candidate for the election next spring. Ségolène Royal has emerged as the clear winner of the nomination process. Her likely conservative opponent is the current Interior minister Nicolas Sarkozy.

Friday:

Five security contractors, four Americans and one Austrian, were abducted during an ambush on their convoy in Iraq. According to recent messages, the four American hostages have been freed, but this has not been confirmed yet.

Saturday:

President Bush gathered support among many Pacific Rim countries to keep pressure high on North Korea, to make sure that it follows through with dismantling its nuclear weapons program.

Sunday:

On Sunday, the Israeli military was forced to abandon its air raid after hundreds of Palestinian civilians barricaded themselves inside the building of a Gaza militant leader.

Last Wednesday, an Israeli woman was killed when a rocket, shot by militant Palestinians, struck a village near the Gaza border. It was an act of reprisal for the death of 19 civilians who had been killed by Israelis last week.

Hours after that, the Israeli military started an air raid against selected targets in the Gaza Strip. A U.N. resolution demanded the immediate end of violence in the Middle East on Friday.

Israel, the United States and Australia voted against it.

—Compiled by Karin Portenkirchner

ETHICAL: Revisions remove code of conduct for South African businesses

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fund gets \$1,000 from 1,000 other funds," Lawton said. "If there's one company in a pooled fund that doesn't meet our guidelines, how do you say Whitworth's funds are or aren't invested in it?"

Pooled funds offer the only practical way for Whitworth to buy stocks on the international market, which have outperformed domestic stocks in recent years, Johnson said.

Pooled funds also bring the college the advantage of assuming a lower risk than when investing in individual stocks. Firms within a pooled fund must meet certain criteria and are often growing aggressively, Lawton said.

"The bet is that overall, as a group, [the stocks] will do well," Lawton said. "There may be one or two that don't do well, but overall, you're going to have a greater return than you would with individual stocks."

Approximately 40 percent of Whitworth's endowment fund is invested in domestic stocks. Each year, endowment investments bring in approximately \$2 million in combined earnings used primarily to fund student scholarships, Johnson said.

As the financial environment grew more sophisticated, pooled funds emerged as the preferred investment vehicle for college endowments.

"Even up to the early 90s, when the previous [ethics] policy was last dated," Johnson said, "there was not as extensive a use of mutual funds then as there is today."

Students became active about how Whitworth invested its endowment during the international protest against apartheid in South Africa during the late 1980s. The previous version of the ethics guidelines included a code of conduct for South African businesses.

"[Students] lobbied the Board and let the administration know they thought that Whitworth should not have any investments linked to South Africa," Gordon Jackson said.

Jackson, who is from South Af-

rica, is a professor of Communication Studies.

Yet the external pressure of drawing stocks out of funds that had dealings with companies in South Africa did not strategically impact its government.

"Many Americans may be inclined to overestimate the contribution that the divestment movement had in ending apartheid," Jackson said. "It completely disregards the massive pressures from within the country that brought the apartheid government to change its ways."

The revised ethical investment guidelines apply to both the college and the Whitworth Foundation.



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CLARIFICATION

In the Nov. 14 issue of the Whitworthian, Jack Burns was given the title of Associate professor and instructor in leadership studies and a Core 150 team leader. Jack Burns is not a Core 150 team leader. The only person with the title of Core 150 team leader is professor of theology Keith Beebe. Jack Burns' actual title is Professor of Management and Leadership Studies.

Campus BRIEFS

English majors to perform Shakespeare

Whitworth English majors will perform scenes from famed Shakespearean plays today at noon in the Hixson Union Building's Lied Square.

The performance is free and helps promote interest in Whitworth's theater department.

Local nonprofit will sponsor a coffee drive

From Nov. 27 through Dec. 1, Whitworth will be sponsoring a coffee drive to support The City Gate.

The drive is collecting coffee, mugs, cleaning products, coffee-related condiments, and paper and plastic products. Drop off is available in dorm lounges.

The City Gate is an organization that provides services to low-income and homeless individuals in the community. They oversee a clothing bank, food bank, church services, health screenings and apartments available to rent.

Contact Luis Lopez at llopez09@whitworth.edu for more information.

— Compiled by Leah Moore

Cultural awareness starts in classroom

De Andra Kenoly
Staff writer

GU speaker shares thoughts on diversity

In order to spread awareness about cultural diversity, students must take the discussion about race and discrimination into the classrooms, said Raymond Reyes, associate vice president for diversity at Gonzaga University, in his lecture on cultural diversity last Thursday.

Reyes believes that events like Cultural Awareness Week are important, but the most important factor in raising cultural awareness is discussions amongst

students and faculty about the problem of discrimination at Whitworth and in society.

"Ultimately we have to infiltrate the institution. And we got to do it from the inside out," Reyes said. "It isn't an outside action; it's the classroom. That's where it really can happen in terms of the serious conversations around either the historical or contemporary issues associated with oppression and racism."

Reyes says the problem of getting over the challenge of gaining more acceptance of cultural diversity in society

is asking the wrong questions.

"It is not so much as having the right answers," Reyes said. "Why is diversity such a challenge at Whitworth? Maybe that's the wrong question to ask. Maybe it's not important to have an answer [to it]. Maybe what's more important is to come up with better questions."

Reyes said in order to be an advocate of cultural diversity, a person must know what they value.

"It is a simple act of knowing everyday what we stand for and how to illuminate to eliminate," Reyes said.

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cial aid package from one school definitely has a lot to do with where the student ends up.

"If I hadn't gotten the financial aid and scholarships to support my education and my wishes of attending Whitworth, I probably wouldn't have been a graduate of such a prestigious school," 2006 alumna Casee Hoopii said.

Local connections for their students always helps, said Kamehameha Schools' college counselor for the Kapalama Campus Kathryn Kekaulike.

Whitworth used to have quite a presence at the Kapalama Campus. Kurt Kekuna, the head of their Young Life Program; Randie Fong, the former Performing Arts department head; and

several dormitory advisers, are all alumni.

"I had the pleasure of personally knowing students that were attending Whitworth," Hoopii said. "It was their enriched experiences they shared with me, like being able to travel and meet new people, that captured my attention."

Kathryn Kekaulike's husband, Larry Kekaulike, used to recruit in Hawaii for Whitworth and then went back to Hawaii to be a college counselor at Maryknoll High School. He is still a huge supporter of Spokane and Whitworth College.

Current students from Hawaii have a similar take on things.

"I wanted new experiences off the rock, and Washington is pretty different from Hawaii," sophomore Anna Fukunaga said. "But, if anything stopped me from coming

here, it would be the cold because when you're used to 80 degrees year round, Spokane is frigid."

Senior David Dixon feels the same way.

"I decided to come here based on scholarships and the weather because I really wanted to snowboard," Dixon said. "So I was pretty much set on coming."

For Hoopii, her decision to come here was one of the best choices she has ever made in her life.

"I don't regret one moment of it," Hoopii said.

"I not only had the opportunity to learn more about myself, and my capabilities, but I also had the chance to explore the world beyond these eight islands."

Whitworth admissions representatives were contacted several times, but said they did not have time for interviews.

Windstorm blows off part of roof

Luis Lopez
Staff writer

Last week, a severe windstorm blew off portions of the roof on Graves Gym. Director of facilities services Ed Kelly described the portions that blew off as "strips of the rolled asphalt roofing material."

Other damages caused by the windstorm included a tree that split near the president's house and a couple of shingles that blew off the library.

Several cars parked near Graves Gym were damaged.

Junior Jessica Nolen-Morse's car was damaged. Morse said she received an

e-mail from facilities services telling her to move her car since it was damaged.

"I have to have it detailed, so they are going to have to dissolve the tar all over my car, then wax it, then replace the molding. It's going to be \$200," Morse said.

Kelly said the total cost for repairing the roof cost \$25,000 and it took three days to complete all of the repairs.

Kelly also noted that the remaining asphalt material was screwed down and then covered with a new single-membrane roofing material so that it will not blow off again.



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IN THE LOOP

An editorial

College can reach international goals

The Whitworthian recently published a series of four articles titled "The Overlooked" which described Whitworth's shortcomings and recent activity in the area of recruiting minority students and students on an international level. The series describes why very few Arab students have come to Whitworth in the past 10 years, as well as some of Whitworth's plans to internationalize the campus. While the stories in the articles are important, in the big picture, what matters is that Whitworth is taking steps to internationalize.

We believe Whitworth is doing the right thing in internationalizing, for two central reasons.

The first reason is the valuable experiences that international students bring to the campus. For example, Saudi students started the international banquet more than 20 years ago to share their culture with the campus. This leads to the second, more practical reason. As the world gets smaller with daily technological innovations and the spread of information, it will be increasingly important for Whitworth graduates to have experience and exposure to world cultures.

For example, much of the United States policies surrounding the War in Iraq would have been modified with even a basic understanding of Middle Eastern history.

Top U.S. officials in the Bush administration admitted to not knowing the differences between Shiites and Sunnis. The difference between these two groups is one core issue in the current civil war which is plaguing Iraq.

In the business realm, the recent growth of the Chinese economy has again pushed the concept of cultural awareness of customs and language differences to the forefront. In order to succeed overseas, business people have to be able to adjust their practices to integrate.

Whitworth's current plans, while broad, are attainable if the school does the work on the home front. The college needs to recognize that Spokane is not a cultural hub like most large cities. It needs to set up support structures that will nurture both international and minority students. For instance, Muslim students currently do not have a place to feel welcomed on campus or to worship.

It is difficult to know and to create an atmosphere where international and minority students needs are met. But for Whitworth to meet its goals regarding a diverse campus that is welcoming to all students, the college must create an open and supportive atmosphere.

"In the Loop," written by the editorial board, represents the editorial voice of The Whitworthian.

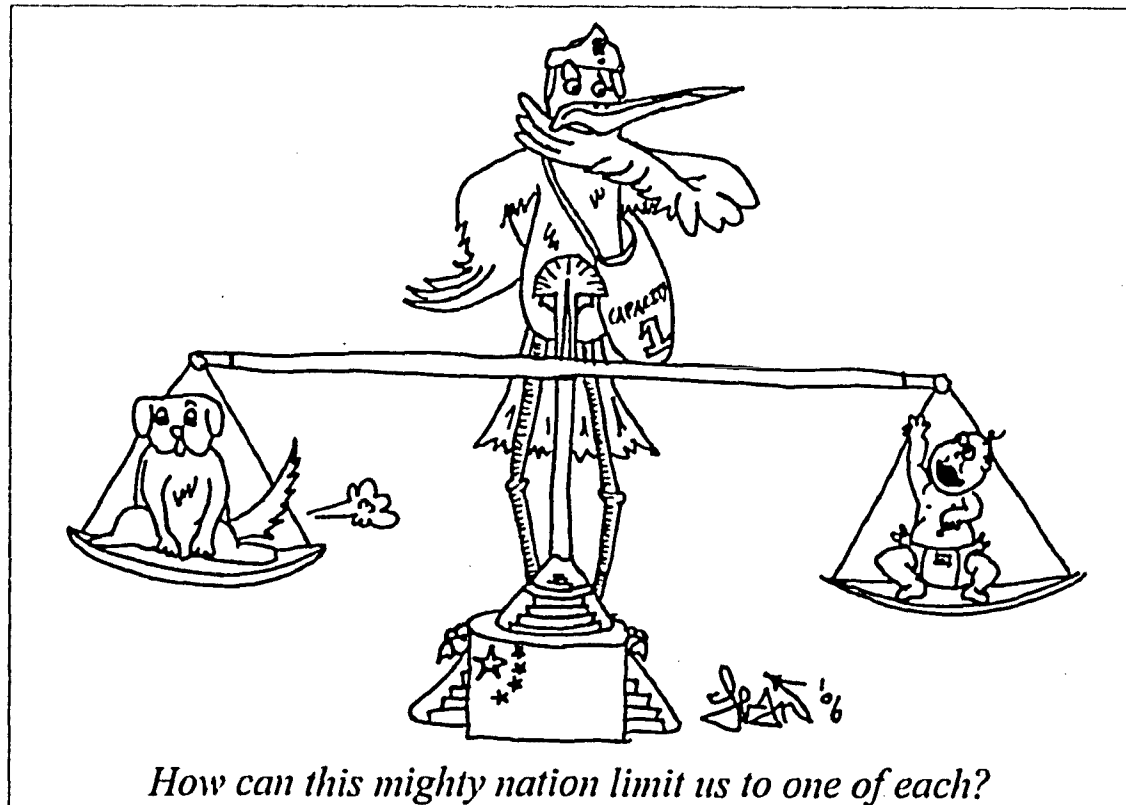


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Dog mandate eerily familiar



ERIKA PRINS
Writer

China has recently begun strictly enforcing a three-year-old policy restricting residents in Beijing to owning one small dog. The mandate has been dubbed the "one-dog policy," alluding to the "one-child policy" that former Chinese Communist leader Deng Xiaoping enacted to counteract the sharp increase in China's population under his predecessor, Mao Zedong.

Why the comparison? It seems tasteless to compare regulating dog ownership to regulating child-bearing, but the policies bear some troubling similarities.

Animal-rights activists now criticize the one-dog policy for the same reason that human rights groups have been criticizing the one-child policy for decades. The policies attempt to solve very real social issues, but the coercive approach violates peoples' rights. Policies based on voluntary compliance and positive incentives could achieve the same goals without many of the negative side-effects of using force.

"We believe it's a policy that is misplaced in that the focus should be on rabies vaccination rather than a limitation on the number of dogs in a household," said Wayne Pacelle, president and CEO of The Humane Society of the United States. "One thing we have learned in the United States is that large-scale vaccination programs aimed at reducing and eradicating rabies programs do work in large nations."

The one-dog policy aims to curb a ra-

bies problem. The government figures that, since Beijing has a lot of un-vaccinated dogs, the number of un-vaccinated dogs should be reduced. Tightly controlling the number of dogs and their vaccination records is expected to fix the problem.

In the case of the one-child policy, China's hurting infrastructure and economy simply could not sustain the population increase encouraged by Zedong. The solution was to "encourage" urban families to have only one child and rural families to have no more than two.

"Encouragement," with both policies, means strict regulation and enforcement that violates peoples' rights. The one-child policy's enforcement involved forced sterilizations and abortions among other similarly invasive approaches. Under the one-dog policy, dogs have been beaten to death in front of their owners in some places and abruptly seized by the police in others.

"Authorities prompted an outcry in July and August when they launched several mass slaughters of dogs. In one county in the southwestern province of Yunnan, where three people had died of rabies, authorities killed 50,000 dogs, many of them beaten to death in front of their owners," said a Nov. 9 article in China Daily Newspaper.

In a June 11, 1998, CNN Report, a former Chinese population control administrator testified to the House International Relations Human Rights subcommittee about her experience working for the Chinese government.

"Women who violated China's policy on pregnancy could be seized during a nighttime raid, or have their homes destroyed, as the government forced the offenders to submit to abortions," said the report.

Although the harsher policies are accompanied with positive incentives for compliance, the Chinese government continues to favor coercion even when more humane methods could yield the same outcome. For example, a government-sponsored vaccination campaign could take the place of a dog-execution campaign as suggested by Pacelle.

In the case of the one-child policy, the 1970s voluntary "long, late, few" policy was far more effective than the one-child policy in reducing China's total fertility rate.

Researchers Therese Hasketh, Li Lu and Zhu Wei Xing published a report titled "The Effects of China's One-Child Family Policy after 25 Years" in the September 2005 New England Journal of Medicine.

Hasketh, Lu and Xing argue that the one-child policy is "only partially responsible for the reduction in the total fertility rate."

They said that the greatest decrease in the total fertility rate occurred from 1970-1979, before the one-child policy was introduced.

"Between 1970 and 1979, the largely voluntary 'late, long, few' policy, which called for later childbearing, greater spacing between children, and fewer children, had already resulted in a halving of the total fertility rate, from 5.9 to 2.9," said the report.

The decrease in total fertility rate slowed after the one-child policy was imposed.

Though beating dogs in front of their owners pales in comparison to forcing abortions, the one-dog policy shows that China's government continues to use coercive strategies to solve social problems. The one-child policy shows how dangerous such a habit can be.

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Borat's comedy assaults Americans and their core values



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Opinions
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I was not originally planning on paying to watch the movie "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan." The concept seemed so crude that I was skeptical that anything of redeeming value could come from this film. After viewing this "comedy masterpiece," it turned out I was right. Borat himself is a

chauvinistic, sex-craving, anti-Semitic, headstrong fool without any personal dignity. His antics and dialogue are perverted, evidenced by his goal in life: to have sex with Pamela Anderson.

But as I watched the movie, I also laughed ... a lot. This "mockumentary" was hilarious because of the absolutely over-the-top situations and Borat's numerous verbal guffaws. The film forced me to laugh because it was so offensive that there was no other emotion that could adequately describe how I was feeling while watching it.

Going into the movie, I thought that this would be the perfect op-

portunity to critique American society based on what we are choosing to watch. I was very intrigued when I learned that Borat was the top grossing movie of the season, with more than \$90 million in ticket sales. Why are American's choosing to watch this filthy movie?

When I came out, I had no definite answer. In fact, I was speechless. Borat himself makes fun of almost every group possible. He instigates some feminists. He falls for a black prostitute. He offends rednecks at a rodeo by singing a bizarre national anthem. He speaks tongues at a fundamentalist church service. He makes fun

of some sex-craving frat boys. He makes at least 10 anti-Semitic comments that he attributes to his country's hatred of Israel and, in the climactic moment, he wrestles nude with his obese producer for about five minutes, in the process getting into awkward positions and running into a convention hall full of white aristocrats.

So, the best way I can answer this question is to say that Americans like to laugh at people who are less sophisticated than themselves. I am apparently of the same opinion, so I am not in a position to criticize, but if I had a second chance to watch the movie, I would not. I found

no message that would help me in my life. Laughing for the sake of laughing is usually good, but at the sacrifice of my moral values, I do not think it is appropriate.

So the best way I can answer my question is to pose another one. Are you willing to throw out your values for 84 minutes for a few laughs? Because if you are, Borat and similar movies rated "R" for "pervasive strong crude and sexual content including graphic nudity and language" are for you.

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HUMOR COLUMN

Counting sheep does not always lure the sandman

Daniel Walters
Staff Writer

Tonight, on *The Varnished Truth!* Droop your eyelids! Fluff your pillow! Calm yourself down! You've paid for your whole seat, but you'll probably curl up on two! Yawn in awwwwe, as *The Varnished Truth* presents a two-part saga: *Sleeping with Anonymity: The Awakening*.

According to top scientists and actors in lab coats, sleep is vital to the human psyche. Without sleep, serious side effects can occur, including blurred vision, multiple personalities, prophetic visions, visitations by giant rabbits, death and occasionally, tiredness. However, not just any run-of-the-mill, off-brand, flimsy girlyman sleeping will do. You need REM sleep, the Jean-Claude Van Damme of sleep stages.

REM sleep, or "night swimming," is vital (especially for day sleepers) for satiating the mind's constant murmur, its drive, its wanderlust. Heck, it could be the end of the world as you know it, but with enough REM sleep, you'll feel fine. (Though, to be fair, everybody hurts sometimes.) Remember, people with enough REM sleep are shiny, happy, people. REM, of course, is short for "Randy Edward Michaelis."

REM sleep is also, statistically, the best time to put your friend's hand in warm water.

Sometimes, like when you're cruising down I-90, falling asleep is easy.

But other times you need subterfuge to sneak into Slumberland. Somehow, you need to skulk up behind the Sandman, pounce from the shadows and snap his pompous little neck. Here's my flawless seven step strategy for doing just that:

1) At 11:30 step out of the shower and into your silk pajamas. After your meditation exercises and a cup of warm milk, slip into your covers. Smile contentedly as Bill Robinson tucks you in and reads you your favorite bedtime story: *Atlas Shrugged* by Ayn Rand.

2) Two hours later, thoughts, ideas and Gordian conundrums continue to parade loudly in front of your consciousness. *Who am I? How many mitts could a marmot knit if a marmot could knit mitts? What if cantaloupes were full of candy? If Harry Potter rode the New York Subway, would he get mugged? As the night wears on, however, the parade takes a dark turn on the corner of Regret Street and Lamentation Boulevard. What if I had done it all differently? I never should have stolen that Saga Tray. Maybe there was a more tactful way to call him the Antichrist. Maybe if I had done my job, and tightened the bolts on the Ferris Wheel, she'd still be alive.*

3) You now should be at the inevitable stage of tiredness, where everything seems hilarious, including catastrophic famine, the Nuremberg War Trials and *Saturday Night Live*.

4) Alternate your tossing and turning with turning and tossing. Your ceaseless, vaguely menopausal quest for the most comfortable position, should cause you to toggle your blanket tactics between:

a) Wearing your entire laundry basket and piling six comforters and a massive bear rug on top of your

self and ...

b) Being completely naked except for a strategically-placed napkin.

Eventually, your pillow will be slipped and folded so much that it looks like an origami swan. Or one of those foldy fortune teller things.

5) With each passing minute, the prospect of the impending morn grows more horrifically abhorrent. You see your minutes of sleep disappearing before your eyes, like diamonds slipping from your fingers and falling in a wood chipper.

LEGAL NOTE: This can damage your wood chipper.

Your entire body tenses up and grimaces, focused on one thought, one goal, one all-consuming purpose: *gottagetosleep gottagetosleep gottagetosleep*.

6) Blearily lock your bloodshot eyes on the cruel shifting visage of your digital clock: glowing bright red numbers eternally paralyzed on 4:27, unchanging, unshifting, rending your soul like the unblinking eye of Sauron. And as the darkness lightens against approaching dawn, as the dire cheer of twittering birds tweeting their morning revelry — your funeral dirge! — the tick-tock tick-tock TICK-TOCK of your living room clock grows louder and louder, faster and faster, more insistent, like the beating of the old man's heart and your clawing at the wallpaper and bloodied punching of the drywall does nothing to drown out the screams of ...

6) You listlessly slough into Core, ignoring the white spots dancing gaily before your eyes and the way your writing is scribbly, your walking is wobbly and your hearing is warble-y.

Then, you open your laptop at a 45 degree angle, rest your weary head on the top, and let the sweet wispy coo of Kathy Storm's voice lull you gently to sleep.

Of course, you may want to find a quicker method. Some people suggest counting sheep, or if you're vegetarian, counting piles of hummus. The obvious problem is that, when you get right down to it, counting sheep is boring. Plus, some of us have trouble with such complicated arithmetic operations as counting, especially counting things that can have babies. Totally throws off your count.

Try talking to a Sleep Professional. I suggest your veterinarian. After all, he was remarkably effective at putting fwoofy widdle Whiskers to sleep.

If he can't help, I recommend a simple recipe. Fill a stein with Nyquil and garnish it with every left over thing in the medicine cabinet. Chug it, and then follow it with a vodka chaser. I guarantee, you'll go into such a deep sleep, that you'll wake up much later to an unfamiliar world where Robopeople drive hovercars on the Spokane North-South Freeway, play Duke Nukem Forever on their X-Box 1080, and listen to the Rolling Stones play at the Statue of Liberty ruins, a world where those who make Rip Van Winkle allusions are worshiped as gods!

Or at least you'll sleep until part two of this very special episode of *The Varnished Truth*, where we pull back the curtain of cognition, squeeze down the rabbit hole, and enter the land of your dreams. Same Varnished Time! Same Varnished Place!

This has been *The Varnished Truth*. Thank you.

And Good Night.



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We're all colorblind!

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Staff Writer

When one describes a gorgeous sunset or a tropical flower, they cannot help but list colors as the major component of the beauty. In fact, it is almost impossible to consider the concept of these things without heavy dependence on their color. In essence these things, along with rainbows, rainforests, works of art and countless others,

have color as an integral part of their existence. However, there is no objectivity to color. The colors that render so much descriptive ability are nothing more than subjective impressions left in each person's mind. One can no more determine if he sees the same color as someone else than he can read the other's thoughts.

This leads to a question: What if humankind is all colorblind? Think about it; we each assign values to a particular wavelength of light and are brought up with a name assigned to it. Your blue could very well be my red. This could explain why

each person has a favorite color. There could very well be a color universally appealing to humans, only we call them different names as they appear different to each subjective individual.

Maybe this goes beyond mere light wavelengths. Maybe there is a direct correlation between a person's

view of the world and how much color she sees. A person with a bubbly, happy personality may very well see much brighter colors than her counterpart with little imagination.

If a person only has a little more imaginative talent, they may be able to see the world clearer.

But what if all humans' view colors the same? What if by some freak of nature we were all to lose our vision of color tomorrow? Would it make a difference? In our day-to-day lives, there would be a few significant differences. Traffic lights could still function because the position of the lights is universally the same. Flashing red or yellow lights, however, would no longer convey the same meaning. To a suddenly color-blind populace, a flash-

ing light could mean yield or stop. In addition, we wouldn't be able to distinguish a flashing police light from that of a street sweeper. Needless to say, all of these possible consequences are not insurmountable.

Although these results would be momentarily chaotic, the longer reaching psychological effects could prove more devastating. How would humanity react if they could no longer see the beauty of a mountain landscape or the northern lights? There is such a thing as seasonal depression resulting from overcast skies. How much more depressing is never seeing color? Maybe we do need color in life.

All of us should seriously consider this. What if all the colors we see in the world are just machinations of our mind? Would humanity be able to cope without color? There may be no limits to what we can see, no answers to these questions and no way to know if what we see corresponds with the rest of humanity.

"What if..." is a column written by a series of staff writers. Opinions in this column do not reflect those of *The Whitworthian*.

WHATif...

LOOKING AT THE
WORLD FROM A
NEW PERSPECTIVE

Memorial for King a ground-breaking event

"It will be interesting if Senator Obama does proceed with a 2008 run for presidency, to see how close of a connection he will have with the traditional civil rights movement that has been prominent for the last forty years."

GAVIN
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Writer



Last week an opening ceremony was held for the commencement of construction on the Martin Luther King Jr. National Monument. This ceremony was attended by numerous representatives of the civil rights community including Jesse Jackson and also significant African American citizens such as author Maya Angelou and talk show host Oprah Winfrey. This ceremony was an important landmark in the legacy of King as his monument is to be the first for an African American on the National Mall of Washington D.C. The monument will be located near the existing monuments commemorating Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson. The construction of the monument should be viewed as a noteworthy addition to the National Mall for an important American historical figure.

The construction of the monument was approved during President Bill Clinton's administration in 1996. The project has a \$100 million funding goal and sponsorship has arrived chiefly from private donors and corporations including Boeing and former Secretary of State Colin Powell. The monument design itself has been largely uncontroversial and will place an emphasis on the most well known speeches of King. The memorial draws special inspiration from King's famed "I Have a Dream" speech that was delivered in 1963 to a hundreds of thousands of spectators at the height of the American civil rights movement. This speech is noted by AmericanRhetoric.com as being the most important

speech of the 20th century, beating out other notables such as John F. Kennedy's inaugural address and Franklin Delano Roosevelt's address to the nation following the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The dedication of the monument to King was also attended by President George W. Bush and Clinton along with rising political star Barack Obama, a senator from Illinois. The presence of Obama was an interesting note as his African heritage is for the most part unrelated to the historic African American presence in the United States. Obama's black father was a first generation immigrant from Kenya and his mother was white.

Nevertheless the presence of Obama is relevant as the political gains of the African American community, which included voting rights and reasonable representation, would have been far more difficult to obtain without the contributions of King. In the past decade there has been a new wave of immigration from East Africa to the United States and this new community owes much to the legacy of King. It will be interesting if Obama does proceed with a 2008 run for the presidency to see how close a connection he will have with the traditional civil rights movement that has been prominent for the last 40 years.

The construction of the monument to King has been marked by the relative ease by which it was approved to be built on the increasingly scarce real estate of the National Mall and the rapid funding it was able to obtain. The ease with which these two obstacles were overcome demonstrate that there is a continuing respect for the life of King and his contributions to the United States.

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Opinions

Many ignore multicultural week



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Writer

True diversity has historically been absent from the Whitworth campus. Although, instead of asking the tired question of why, it is time for the college to not only try drawing students from diverse backgrounds, but to create an accepting and comfortable environment for those who already attend.

As a private, Christian, predominately-white institution, the majority of our students are ignorant when it comes to issues of race, discrimination or prejudice. They have either never been exposed to such differences or think that they are no longer a problem. But the fact is, we just do not live in a world free of hostility and intolerance.

The Multicultural Awareness Council is responsible for the events put on during Cultural Awareness week under the umbrella of ASWC. The council draws from clubs such as International Club and the Black Student Union, Cultural Diversity Advocates, the Act Six program and ASWC members.

Senior and ASWC cultural events coordinator Delia Orosco was the driving force behind the council. Her position is new this year.

"The MAC is important because we strive to produce cultural awareness through unity and creative collaboration. We ultimately want to build a cohesive and inclusive community that is welcoming, empowering and open to new perspectives," Orosco said.

The vice president of diversity at Gonzaga,

Raymond Reyes, spoke last Thursday night about the importance of diversity at colleges and universities. The presentation turned informal when only about 15 students, the majority minorities, came to hear him talk.

The fact is that it is always minorities who support and attend these kinds of events, Reyes said. People will show up when they're comfortable and entertained but recoil when faced with talking about these tough issues.

"With almost 2,000 students on campus, we probably reached 1 percent of the students with our events during the week," Orosco said.

Although Cultural Awareness Week was significant and satisfactory, the truth is, a good amount of Whitworth students simply ignored it. The infamous and annual International Banquet, put on by the International Club, had major problems selling enough tickets even to cover their costs.

"People don't tend to want to go to them or don't know what they are about," Orosco said.

Many students at Reyes' talk voiced concerns about having a difficult time at Whitworth and from students to faculty, no one was very worried about their problems. These minority students voiced concerns about not just being unseen or unheard, but in reality, silenced.

"The environment here on campus for me as a minority woman has been difficult, unwelcoming and uncomfortable, but it has also been an environment that has challenged me to step out of my comfort zone to learn and embrace difference, even within dominate culture," Orosco said.

The challenge at Whitworth is not so much having an answer to the problem of diversity but knowing how to change it and taking those

actions, Reyes said. We should meet people where they are. Our goal with diversity should be to include the excluded and respond to hate with love.

As a Christian institution, we should respond to those of different races, religions, genders, ethnicities and sexual orientations with the unconditional love (*agape*) that Christ compels us to use.

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love (*agape*) your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven," Jesus said at the Sermon on the Mount.

As a non-Christian on campus, I can definitely say that I concur with Orosco's feelings of distress. I have experienced routine prejudice and intolerance. And although I did choose Whitworth knowing full well of its Christian nature, I should not have to fear hostility as a minority but should expect to be received with loving arms.

The whole point is that exposure and interactions with people from all types of cultures and perspectives are vital to a complete education. A major part of this is starting dialogue about the real issues.

"We want to start dialogue, to show why diversity is important," Orosco said.

These experiences help us to grow a loving heart, free our minds and rid ourselves of ignorance. This is "so we can start understanding differences, work through those differences and learn that those differences aren't bad," Orosco said.

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NUMBERSDog ownership
facts and figures**65 million**

There are an estimated 65 million dogs with owners in the United States.

39%

Thirty nine percent of U.S. households (about 40 million) own at least one dog.

12%

Twelve percent of dog owners own at least three dogs.

\$263

U.S. dog owners spent an average of \$263 on veterinary expenses in the last twelve months.

72%

Seventy two percent of dogs with owners are spayed or neutered.

6-8 million

Six to eight million cats and dogs are admitted to animal shelters in the United States every year.

3-4 million

Three to four million dogs and cats euthanized in the United States every year.

25%

Twenty five percent of all dogs in animal shelters are purebred.

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The average number of litters a fertile dog can produce in one year.

6-10

The average number of puppies in a canine litter.

30%

The percentage of dogs that are claimed by their owners from animal shelters every year.

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Wait out the HD v. Blue-ray format battle



**NATHAN
HARRISON**
Writer

Just when everyone is finally getting settled in with the DVD format, the powers-that-be decide it's time to confuse the public with what's likely to be another long, drawn-out format war. Plenty of people will be capitalizing on post-Thanksgiving sales and buying their first-ever DVD player this Friday; I can't imagine what they'd make of this.

The battle this time around divides consumers between two camps: the Blu-ray camp, headed up by Sony and supported by Apple, Disney, Fox and a host of other allied companies, and the HD-DVD camp, backed by Toshiba, Microsoft, Intel, Universal Studios and others.

The split already has plenty of film buffs and tech-enthusiasts groaning, with the battle between VHS and Betamax still lingering in the public consciousness. Many companies, such as Paramount and Warner Bros., are supporting both formats, but some (like Universal) have pledged exclusive support of one side or the other, leaving the

rest of us caught in the middle.

The technology for each format is nearly identical: Sony's Blu-ray employs a blue laser with a narrower beam to more tightly read and record information from a DVD-size disc, just as HD-DVD does. Blu-ray primarily differs from HD-DVD by offering greater durability and storage capacity (50GB vs. 30GB), but the technology used to do this make the manufacture of both the discs and disc-readers more expensive than those for HD-DVD.

Those who remember Betamax at all will recognize that once again Sony is in the position of offering an expensive, higher-quality product against a cheaper, lower-quality competing format. Already speculation is rampant that Sony will follow in its own footsteps and eventually find itself on the losing side; Sony has a long history of creating proprietary media formats that never reach widespread use and eventually fade into obscurity. Apart from Betamax, examples include MiniDisc,

MemoryStick, ATRAC and most recently of all, the Universal Media Disc that the PlayStation Portable relied on.

Still, Sony is poised to penetrate the market since its PlayStation 3, which was released in America last Friday, comes with a built-in Blu-ray disc player. However, the PS3 itself costs between \$500 and \$600 compared to the Xbox 360's \$300 and \$400 models (largely because of the cost of Blu-ray technology itself) and Sony execs have stated that its discs may run upwards of \$59 in the future, the established price point for Xbox 360 new releases.

Taken together, these price increases (as well as the cavalier attitude that accompanies them) have drawn widespread criticism from the gaming world and earned Sony a powerful base of critics before the system is ever released. As a response, Microsoft released an HD-DVD drive add-on for the Xbox 360 for \$199 on the same day of

the PS3's to help level the playing field for next-generation media.

User feedback on Blu-ray and PS3-related stories online often accuse Sony of being "the new Microsoft" or "the new Nintendo" in terms of attitude; both companies once sat comfortably in the knowledge of their dominance in their field (operating systems and console games, respectively) and have had to play catch-up when rival companies have taken advantage of their complacency. This may be where Sony finds itself once more with the PS3.

My take on the format war is to sit tight. Both mediums will be backwards compatible with regular DVDs, and the real target market for both formats is home theater owners with high-definition widescreen plasma TVs and the like. When it comes to new technologies, the adage that "all things come to he who waits" usually holds true as prices drop and delicate technology grows more robust. The console aspect of the war makes Nintendo's \$250 system, which was released on Sunday, look more and more attractive—even if it is named "Wii."

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Sounding Board

Question of the week

Q: Do you think students should have all of Thanksgiving week off?

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BSU hosts step show to expose students to black culture

Julie Woolton
Staff Writer

Synchronized steps, arm movements, dances and chants are only part of what make fraternity and sorority step shows unique. Pride in their organizations and the desire to share their organization's mission with the public makes the lasting impression.

Last Wednesday, the Black Student Union hosted a step show with performances by three traditionally black fraternities and one sorority from Eastern Washington University. About 40 people, mainly Whitworth students, attended the hour-long event.

Senior Delia Orosco, the ASWC cultural events coordinator, coordinated the event as a part of Cultural Awareness Week.

"The theme of the step show is our representation of black American culture and to bring this culture and tradition to the Whitworth campus," said senior Tiffanie Beatty, president of the Black Student Union.

One of the goals of the BSU is to establish connections with EWU and Gonzaga University, Beatty said.

"The step show was a huge success," Orosco said. "It not only was an opportunity to share with the Whitworth students a small part of black culture but also an opportunity to bring college campuses together from this part of the state."

EWU has nine traditionally black national fraternities and sororities that make up a part of the National Pan-Hellenic Council Inc. (NPHC). The NPHC, an organization founded in 1930 at Howard University, is an organization that encompasses nine traditionally-black fraternities and sororities with chapters at colleges all over the world.

The fraternities and sororities that performed were: Zeta Phi Beta sorority, Omega Psi Phi fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

The members of the fraternities and sorority worked songs and facts about their organizations into their stepping routine. The crowd was actively yelling out in encouragement and were dancing and chanting in the side aisles. The performers held a question and answer session to conclude the performance.

"Although it appears that our organization is solely focused on stepping and strolling, from the outside, Zeta Phi Beta Incorporated is not your average sorority," said Jameeka Scott, a member of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority. "It is a non-profit, community service, action-oriented organization and we take pride in the community service and the charitable events and informals we host throughout the year."

Scott was happy to have the opportunity to perform.

"We feel it's really important to raise awareness on issues that affect our culture on an everyday basis and speaking to the audience allowed us to attack some of the stereotypes of historically black Greek organizations," Scott said.



A student from the Omega Psi Phi fraternity performs step last Wednesday.



Two students from Zeta Phi Beta sorority dance in a step show last Wednesday.

Lucas Beechlinor
Staff writer

Last week, students experienced Whitworth's Cultural Awareness Week, sponsored by the newly formed Multicultural Advocacy Council which is managed entirely by Whitworth students. Over six days, eight events directed at addressing issues of race and campus diversity were held around campus. Events included lectures, film viewings, dance and vocal performances, discussion panels and the 21st annual International Banquet.

Cultural Awareness Week

In summary

The events were free, except for the banquet, which helped maximize the student turnout.

Senior Delia Orosco, the ASWC cultural events coordinator, is satisfied with the student response and feels the week was a huge success.

Orosco is also the first event coordinator for the Multicultural Advocacy Council. Orosco said since the creation of the MAC, planning Cultural Awareness Week was much easier since it brought together the various cultural clubs at Whitworth for a single cause: Helping student led organizations on campus get the promotion they deserve and to get people talking about diversity issues at Whitworth.

The MAC is a cooperation of presidents from the Black Student Union, the International Club, Latin America Club, Whitworth Catholic Fellowship, The Artist Guild, Unity and Action and the Four Directions Native American Club. The mission of the MAC itself is to produce cultural awareness through collaboration and student unity. It seeks to

promote dialogue between students about race relations, diversity and other under-represented voices on campus.

"We want to be able to relate to each other, work with each other and understand each other," Orosco said.

She believes Cultural Awareness Week is significantly important for students at Whitworth.

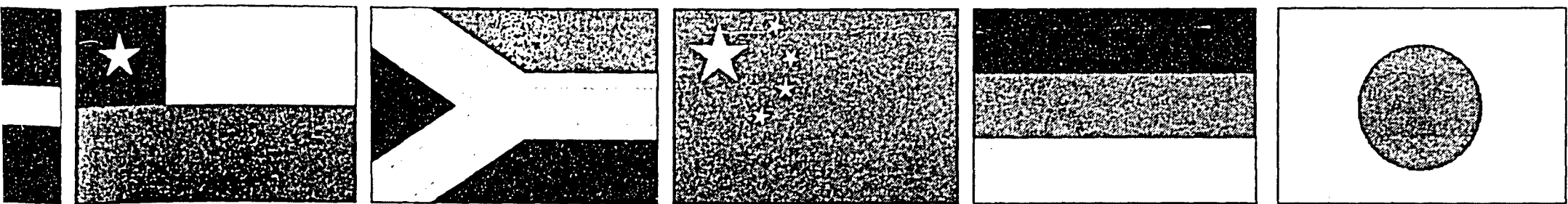
The theme this year was "The Beginning of a New Community," and the events coordinated by Orosco and others volunteering with the MAC tried to put on events that would reflect that theme.

"I really wanted to pack the week," Orosco said.

With a limited year-long budget of about \$3,000, Orosco felt challenged when given the task of coordinating Cultural Awareness Week. After visiting a recent conference for campus diversity issues, she saw different ways to raise issues that she felt would help promote the MAC's mission.

"My goal is to push hard to have a variety of events that are not typically on campus that will get people talking," Orosco said.





Week in ★ REVIEW

Sunday, Nov. 12

Cultural Awareness Week kicked off last week with the Exceptional Praise Gospel Choir, directed by senior Sha'Nay McQuirter. Later that evening, the Latin American Club sponsored a discussion panel of students who spoke of their experiences with the Central America Study program, led by vice president for academic affairs Michael Le Roy.

Monday, Nov. 13

The Four Directions Native Club sponsored a lecture, "The Importance of Home Language and Culture on Learning," in the Hixson Union Building conference rooms. It was presented by Joan Johnson, an elementary language specialist for District 81 Spokane schools. Johnson teaches courses at Gonzaga University and is the founder and director of Spokane's African Tutoring Project.

Tuesday, Nov. 14

A showing of the film "Skin Deep" was sponsored by ASWC in the Duvall Hall lounge. Professor of history Arlin Migliazzo and assistant dean for intercultural affairs Esther Louie led a discussion afterward. The film focuses on a group of students from various universities who hold a discussion of racial injustice in institutions around the country.

"I think it is important that we have a sense for people who may be different from us," Migliazzo said.

Wednesday, Nov. 15

The Black Student Union sponsored a step show by fraternities from Eastern Washington University in the Cowles Memorial Auditorium. See article on the far left.

Thursday, Nov. 16

The Bonner Leaders Program unveiled its MyTown project with a discussion panel on "What is Racism?". It led students in a discussion about how ethnic students may experience comments about their differences that allude to varying degrees of racism. The same evening, Raymond Reyes, associate vice president for diversity at Gonzaga University spoke about the importance of diversity on college campuses in the HUB multipurpose room.

International Banquet - Friday, Nov. 17

The week concluded in a finale with the 21st annual International Banquet. The theme was "Seeking Shalom: To the Ends of the Earth." The banquet was sponsored by the International Club and cultural-diversity advocates around the community. Crafts and free-trade products from the represented countries were also sold at a student-led bazaar.

Students were able to sample dishes from countries such as Spain, Mexico, Cambodia, the United States, Austria, Chile, Honduras and Sweden. Dinner entertainment included Middle-Eastern dancing, flamenco dancing, the Exceptional Praise Gospel Choir and Native American storytelling.

"The International Banquet serves as an occasion to consolidate the topics that have been explored throughout the week," said Sreylla Rim, senior and president of the International Club. She also said the banquet is a celebration of all the different backgrounds in the community.

Junior Carmen Montoya, treasurer of the International Club was impressed by the number of tickets sold for the banquet. She stressed the importance of coming to the banquet to learn about other cultures.

"It is very important that people know about cultures," Montoya said. "It is very important that people realize them all the time."

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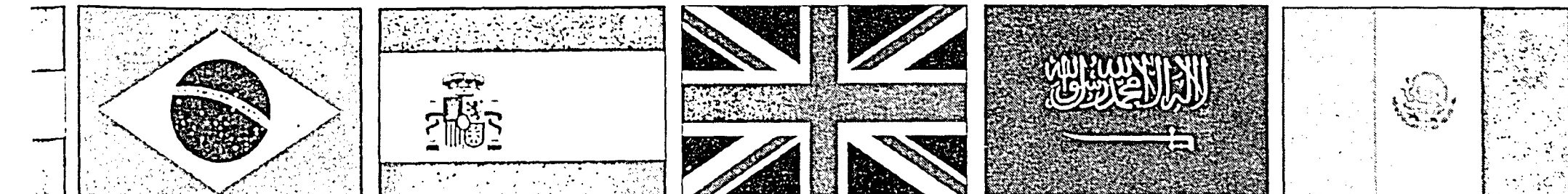
TOP LEFT: Senior Yukimi Tanaka and freshman Hiroaki Makino take a bow after their performance of "Seisyun Amigo" at the International Banquet on Friday.

FAR LEFT: Exceptional Praise closes the banquet with a song.

LEFT: Freshman Keri Broemel-ing performs a traditional dance from Easter Island.

TOP: Whitworth's Hawaiian Club dances to "These Islands."

ABOVE: Freshman May Rungler-twikraikun performs the Lotus Dance native to Thailand.



Back to Bond

Film tells story of debonair's beginnings

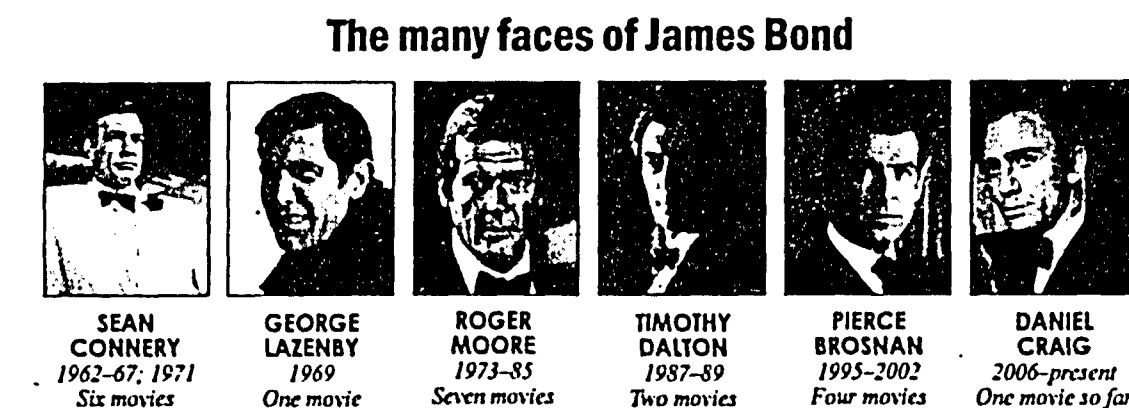
Blair Tellers
Staff writer

Last Friday "Casino Royale," the much anticipated Bond film featuring Daniel Craig as the new 007, hit theatres and was received by a sold-out theater of expectant viewers.

"Casino Royale" moves the James Bond movie franchise in an exciting new direction, putting a fresh spin on the classic movie series.

The unique thing about Royale is that it is an establishing movie. The Bond we have grown accustomed to doesn't walk around in debonair tuxes ordering dry martinis. In fact, the trademark line "Bond, James Bond," emerges only once at the very end of the film.

Bond doesn't even sport the handsomely tailored suit until his partner, Vesper Lynd (Eva Green) takes charge and finds him something impressionable



Photos courtesy of United Artists Pictures Limited, MGM and Sony and Columbia Pictures

The many faces of James Bond

to wear. "Casino Royale" is, in a word, about the making of the legend.

This time around the plot takes us back to the making of Bond, who has only recently been promoted to 00 status. The series reinvigorates itself by reverting to the basics, which allows the viewers to see how James Bond was made into the suave, heart

breaking, ass-kicking agent women love and men admire.

If you are a fan of the fabulous gadgets and automobiles that Bond traditionally gets to play with and destroy in all of the other films, "Casino Royale" does not offer an array of flashy gizmos and outrageously sexy cars for at least the first half of the film.

The Aston Martin doesn't make its appearance until the second half of the movie, and even then it only sports a first aid kit and a gun. But hey, don't be disappointed — there is more to the movie than flashy special effects and visually-explosive scenes.

Royale employs a great balance between dialogue and ac-

tion scenes, making this Bond flick more believable and, for once, not so outrageously over the top. Many of the movie's doors pivot on the hinges of intelligent dialogue and crucial scenes of wit.

While the visuals in the movie are cinematically pleasing, the well-crafted script cancels the story's need to depend on outrageous and unbelievable special effects, adding to the artistic credibility of the film.

As for the newest member of the Bond family, Daniel Craig is, in a word, spectacular. Todd McCarthy of "Variety" magazine along with an impressive multitude of other movie critics, praises Craig's acting, describing the reinvented Bond as "recharged with fresh roughness and arrogance, along with balancing hints of sadism and humanity."

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A distinctive smoke for every occasion

Tobacco shops specialize in different goods

Galen Sanford
Staff writer

There are five or six tobacco shops in the Spokane area, three of which are within traveling range of most Whitworth students. Each shop impressed me for different reasons, and so I recommend each for different occasions. Topp's Tobacco Square in Northtown Mall is notable for a looseleaf tobacco price almost 40 cents an ounce less than Tobacco World in the Flour Mill, located at 621 W Mallon Ave. They keep over 100 pipes in stock for sale.

Tobacco World has an even larger selection of pipes and has the largest selection of pipe tobacco and foreign cigarettes. Most of the blends of pipe tobacco are mixed according to their own recipes and all blends are mixed in the shop. Smokin' Tobacco Shop, located in the same block as Nikko's Greek Restaurant at 725 W. Riverside Ave., is the only of the three to sell hookahs and has by far the best selection of cigars.

The first stop was Topp's Tobacco Square, located in Northtown Mall up the escalators from Barnes and Noble bookstore. The atmosphere inside the store is quiet, a stark contrast to the noise of the mall. Most of the tobaccos are mixed in the store, but some are shipped pre-mixed. An ounce costs \$2.95, about 40 cents less than Tobacco World. Most of the 100 pipes are mid-

range pipes, but there was a selection of Meerschaum pipes which are made from a mineral which, according to the shopkeeper at Tobacco World, appears similar to sea foam. He said the Meerschaum is novel because it begins as a white or beige mineral, but as it is smoked its color turns gold.

Topp's Tobacco Square had a fair selection of cigars, but few expensive cigars. The shop also carries a variety of collectibles, classic shaving supplies and flasks for your choice of alcoholic beverage. The keeper of the shop was conversational with the four or five customers who were shopping and an interesting discussion developed about smoking in public and laws targeting smokers. It was impressive that the shopkeeper developed community in as impersonal a place as a shopping mall.

Tobacco World, located in the Flour Mill, had a more expensive selection of cigars and about twice as many loose leaf tobaccos, but charged \$3.41 per

ounce. They carry over 120 mid-range pipes, in addition to a good selection of Meerschaum pipes and blenders pipes (in which one can smoke more than one blend of tobacco at a time). The shopkeeper described Tobacco World as "one of the few independently owned truly American tobacco shops left." To clarify, he noted that by "American" he meant "Americana," as compared to the common European version of a smokeshop which sell water pipes, hookahs and detox kits, and are often referred to as "Head Shops" after the Grateful Dead and their fans, Deadheads. Tobacco World also features a large selection of foreign ciga-

rettes, such as Dunhills, Djarum, Ecstasy and Turkish Specials.

The third shop I visited, Smokin' Tobacco Shop, is owned by Laith Elaimy, who also owns Nikko's Greek Restaurant and Bistango's Martini Bar. The shopkeeper when I was there, Whitworth junior Carina Overstreet, has worked for Elaimy for almost two months. Overstreet smokes cigars and hookah and recommended pomegranate hookah as her favorite flavor.

Overstreet said that what differentiates Elaimy's shop from other local tobaccoconists was its focus on hookah and its selection of cigars. Smokin' does have the best selection of cigars of the three shops. Overstreet said Smokin' features Opus X cigars, produced by Elaimy's friend, Carlos Fuente. The Opus X cigars are priced up to \$200 per cigar. Overstreet said that Smokin' was an outgrowth from the cigar club that is a mainstay in Nikko's Greek Restaurant. She said the club has an annual membership fee of \$1,500. Smokin' was the only shop of the three to sell hookahs and especially premium cigars, but it doesn't feature many pipes or any custom blends of pipe tobacco.

Each of the shops deserves accolades for particular reasons. Topp's Tobacco Square has kept prices low and service excellent. It is also the closest store to Whitworth, so it is good for impromptu celebratory smokes. Tobacco World has the best selection of pipes, pipe tobacco, and foreign cigarettes, so if you're want a new experience, head there. Smokin' is the only shop with hookahs, and if you're looking for the best cigar experience, Elaimy's shop is the obvious choice. To each occasion a different shop, and for once, Spokane has enough variety to satisfy.



Junior Carina Overstreet works the front counter at Smokin' Tobacco Shop, located near Nikko's Greek Restaurant at 725 W. Riverside Ave. The shop sells hookah and a selection of cigars.



Jessica Carrier/Whitworthian

Coats needed for winter drive

Marketing class uses drive to apply classroom concepts

Bethany Hergert
Staff writer

The fifth annual Winter Coat Collection Drive will begin the Monday after Thanksgiving Break and will run through Wednesday, Nov. 29. The drive is put on by the BU-218 Marketing class to teach the students good marketing strategies while working for a positive cause.

"The students get to experience first hand how marketing skills (promotion, etc.) can be utilized to make a difference for people in the local community," professor of economics and business Brad Sago said.

In past years the drive has collected upwards of 200 coats which are then given to the Union Gospel Rescue Mission. The students' aim is to collect "gently used" winter coats in order to help less fortunate community members. The coats do not need to be new, but should be in good condition.

"Most of us have more than one coat to choose from based on the occasion, but there are quite a few people who have no coat at all," sophomore marketing student Laura Harrington said. "The project provides a venue for collection from the community and a way to

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Who: BU-218 Marketing class

What: Coat Drive

Where: Hixson Union Building and Weyerhaeuser Hall

When: Nov. 27-29

Why: To provide needy families with warm coats for the winter

distribute coats to the people who need them most."

Coats can be dropped off in boxes that will be located in the lobbies of both the Hixson Union Building and Weyerhaeuser Hall immediately after Thanksgiving break. The goal is for the class to advertise the project to the best of their ability in hopes of collecting as many coats as they can.

"There are no goals set related to the number of coats collected other than as many as possible," Sago said. "The class does set minimums for the amount of people they will individually tell of this opportunity to help out people in the community."



Bryan Whitmore/Whitworthian

A variety of winter coats hangs at a local thrift store. A coat drive will be held next Monday through Wednesday. Collection bins will be available in Weyerhaeuser Hall and the Hixson Union Building.

Children in brothels highlighted through film

Dani King
Staff writer

Seats in the Robinson Teaching Theatre filled up last Tuesday for Amnesty International's showing of the documentary "Born Into Brothels."

The film tells the story of a young woman who travels to Calcutta, India, as a photographer to document the lives of the women living in the red light district but finds herself connecting with the children of the prostitutes instead. She teaches them photography, allowing the children to tell their own stories through pictures in an effort to free children from their destitute lives and get them off to streets and into boarding schools.

Earlier in the semester, Amnesty International, a club of 20 members on the Whitworth campus and 1.8 million members worldwide, sponsored a showing of the film "Boys of Baraka." These films, according to Whitworth's Amnesty International president and sophomore



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Corey Fereday, both run parallel to the club's theme of "Freedom Through Education." These films show that there are children who are locked in poverty and desire to be educated. They simply want a chance to succeed and follow their dreams, Fereday said.

In "Born Into Brothels" the children of the Indian red light district are faced with a future of prostitution, drug abuse and severe poverty. Education is all that can free them.

"Going to school is the only way for [the children] to be empowered and control their own lives," Fereday said. "Without education, these children are coerced into a life of fear and exploitation."

Amnesty International needs the support of the Whitworth campus in order to make change happen in places like Calcutta and all over the world. The "Freedom Through Edu-

cation" mission is asking for donations so Amnesty International can sponsor a girl's education in Kenya. The sponsorship program is called Enkishon Nataana and is being run by former visiting Whitworth artist Nicholas Sironka.

"Mr. Sironka has come in past years to teach on a Fulbright Scholarship and taught Whitworth students about the Maasai tribe," Fereday said. "He has dedicated a large part of his time and energy to the Whitworth mission of education and now we wish to complete an altruistic cycle by helping a girl go to school through this organization."

Without schooling, these girls are forced to marry at ages eleven or twelve, Fereday said. Very often they also suffer from female circumcision.

Amnesty International Club wants to invest in a girl's education and there-

fore invest in her future, Fereday said.

The club wishes to raise \$600, which will put a Kenyan girl in school for one year. Amnesty International also emphasizes that students need to support children who suffer around the world as a way of not taking our own education and lifestyle for granted, Fereday said.

Sophomore Lizzie Orphan was one of the students who viewed the film.

"It was shocking to see how people live in the red light district of Calcutta. Most of us in America don't realize how poorly other people live," Orphan said. "I think that this film exposes the injustices that women and children face in other parts of the world."

Freshman Elizabeth Moreno agreed that the film had a good "shock-value." Moreno is currently involved in Amnesty Inter-

national and believes that her vocation is to work in relief efforts in the developing world.

"The film made me realize how much I take my own education for granted and I'm excited to keep on working with this year's theme of 'Freedom Through Education.' It's my goal to work somewhere in the world to give a voice to these children who have been neglected by the rest of society," Moreno said.

All students are welcome and encouraged to attend Amnesty International events and get involved in their "Freedom Through Education" efforts. Those who wish to become a part of the Amnesty International organization can come to club meetings on Wednesdays at 9:30 p.m. in the Hixson Union Building café.

Some events to look forward to this year include Winterfest, Festival Shalom, Cause at the Cove, letter-writing campaigns and other speakers and films.

City LIFE

Ski resort opens with two new runs

The 49° North Ski Resort on Chewelah Peak is now open. Season passes are \$349 and day passes range from \$29 - \$34 for college students. Twelve new runs are available because of the successful installation of a quad chair lift.

The lift was originally built in 1989 at Mount Ashland Ski Area near Medford Ore., but, after purchase, was moved and installed at 49° this year. Gift certificates, day passes and packages are available.

Classic musical 'Annie' coming through town

The musical "Annie" is coming to the I.N.B Performing Arts Center Feb. 15 through the 18. This production is on a national tour "giving a whole new generation the chance to experience this classic musical about never giving up hope," according to ticketswest.com. The score includes many familiar songs such as "It's a Hard-Knock Life" and "Tomorrow." Tickets range from \$30-\$52.50 and are available at www.ticketswest.com

Arena to host Nickelback in February

Nickelback will be performing at the Spokane Arena Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$39.50-\$45.50 and are available at ticketswest.com. They will be playing with the band Three Days Grace.

Nickelback hit the airwaves in 1999 and have become a hit in the rock and pop genres. They are known for singles such as "Photograph" and "Far Away" which both hit number one since the album's release in 2005.

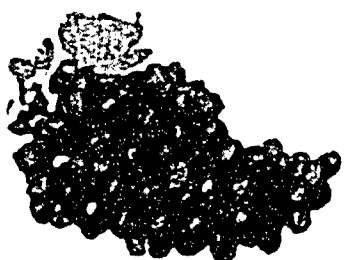
Interplayers presents play set in Buffalo

The play "Moon Over Buffalo" is playing at Interplayers through Saturday. The play tells the story of an acting couple traveling in Buffalo, New York, who are given one last chance to prove themselves in star roles.

Tomorrow and Thursday the play begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday the play begins at 8 p.m. and Saturday's times are 2 and 8 p.m. Cost for students is \$10. Interplayers is located at 174 Howard St.

—Compiled by Kelly MacDonald

Grapevine HUMOR



Things to be thankful for...

- ▶ Pumpkin pie.
- ▶ You and your roommate have not killed each other. Yet.
- ▶ Christmas is just around the corner.
- ▶ Students can't afford to get caught up in the day-after-Thanksgiving shopping frenzy.
- ▶ Refrigerators. How else would we have leftovers?
- ▶ Only one more Core test left.
- ▶ You have stopped worrying if your classes for spring semester will be full when you register.
- ▶ We have a winning football team.
- ▶ Being able to say it was a good day when all you did was sleep, eat and watch football.
- ▶ Driving 16 straight hours to get home.

A&E BRIEFS

Staged reading to be performed by faculty

On Nov. 29 there will be a faculty staged reading of Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest" in the Hixson Union Building at 7 p.m. The play was first performed in the St. James Theatre in London. The play is a comedy on manners on society and is set in the Victorian era. Admission is free.

Singer brings unique style, vocal ability

Johanna Kunin, a Seattle-based songstress will be performing in the Hixson Union Building on Monday Nov. 27 at 9:30 p.m. Kunin recently released her first full length album, called "Clouds Electric," with her single "Fireflies." She also recently played at Bummer-shoot, an urban arts festival in Seattle.

—Compiled by Kelly MacDonald

Cool Whip spreads the laughs

Natalie Johnson
Staff writer

As finals draw near, many students will be in need of fun and relaxation. Whitworth's improvisational comedy troupe, Cool Whip, will be performing twice in December, offering the perfect opportunity to kick back, laugh and forget about homework for a while.

During each Cool Whip performance, the group's actors, or "players," play games and make up scenes on the spot, incorporating plenty of humor and audience participation.

"This kind of theater has been around for a long time," senior and Cool Whip director Stephany Jeffers said. "A lot of people compare it to the show 'Whose Line is it Anyway?'"

Jessica Liles, the only freshman in the eight-member group, was new to Cool Whip this year.

"Coming in this year as a freshman on the team, I was pretty nervous, but after the first show I was addicted," Liles said. "Cool Whip is flat-out roll-around-on-the-floor laughing until-your-abs-hurt funny. Even as a player I find myself constantly bursting into laughter."

Over the years, Cool Whip has developed a large pool of games to pull from. The games they play are divided into six different categories: story games, guessing games,

transformation games, physical games, musical games and jump-out games which use all one-line jokes.

"We focus a lot on physical activity," Liles said. "Jumping around, dancing, throwing each other around."

One of the group's favorites is a guessing game called Lejeu.

"It's French for 'the croissant,'" Jeffers joked.

To play Lejeu, Cool Whip takes audience suggestions for three objects, which they then use to create a story while one player is out of the room. The player then returns and tries to guess the story and the three objects while the rest of the players act it out without using words. The group has a lot of fun with the game, and in turn makes it a big hit with the audience.

"If we enjoy it, you'll enjoy it," Jeffers said.

Not everything Cool Whip does is meant to be funny. Upon request, Cool Whip performs Buoul, a type of theater in which actors improvise scenes to raise awareness of social issues. In the past, Cool Whip has been asked to perform Buoul in dorms on campus.

One year they were asked to perform improvised scenes for freshmen in Baldwin-Jenkins about what to expect when they return home for the first time.

"Freshmen feel like they are adults now, and then they go home

for the first time and its 'be home by 12' again, and that can cause problems," said Jeffers.

Another time, Cool Whip performed Buoul to raise awareness about homosexual marriage when it was becoming a big issue in the Presbyterian Church. There were homosexuals in the theater department, so it was something the group felt passionate about, Jeffers said.

Cool Whip rehearses twice a week for two hours at a time. During this time, they run through the rules of their games and practice playing them to see what works and what does not.

"You don't want to aim for the joke," Jeffers said. "The idea is that life will play out funny."

Senior Noree Johnson has attended several Cool Whip shows and is a supporter of the group.

"These people are brilliant, witty and intelligent. It's not dumb comedy," Johnson said. "It's absolutely hilarious."

Cool Whip's next performance is Sunday, Dec. 3, at 8 p.m. Then, on Dec. 10, they face off against the On-the-Spot players, Whitworth's improvisational acting class, at 5 p.m. Both performances will take place on Stage II in the Cowles Memorial Auditorium and admission is free.

"It's about an hour of raucous laughter and good times," senior member Ben White said.

MEET THE CAST OF

Cool Whip



STEPHANY JEFFERS
Senior



BENJAMIN WHITE
Senior



AMY BERNARD
Junior



NIKOLAS HOBACK
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BOND: Movie provides unexpected twists

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Indeed, Craig presents a more humanized version of Bond, and is slightly more rugged than the dashing Pierce Brosnan who has played Bond in the last four films. When Craig was first announced as the new 007, there was a lot of worry, as he is shorter than his predecessors and fair haired - the first blonde Bond. After seeing Craig in a bathing suit, however, no one has complained.

So much can be said about the film's uniqueness apart from all of the other twenty Bond films, but one notable aspect that cannot go unnoticed is the movie's introductory credits, which are astonishingly lacking perfectly figured women. Completely void of the trademark Barbie-like silhouetted figures sensually bending and contorting in the background, the introductory credits boasts a creative form of animation designed to herald the movie's "Casino" theme. (Guys, do not be disappointed by this. The movie is still worth your time.)

Another fabulous aspect of Royale is the newest Bond girl, Vesper Lynd, played by Eva Green. Green brings a wonderfully refreshing air to the female presence in this Bond film. She, for once, is blessed with more brains and sophistication than many other preceding Bond girls who have melted for the looks of 007. Sultry with a girlish attractiveness and handsomely beautiful, Green's character is a cunning and witty accountant with a square head on her shoulders.

Green proves to be somewhat revolutionary

for the Bond series, as her character is not as objectified as other women have been in preceding films. Green's role is not only engagingly crucial to the plot, but her character also invokes a more sincere side from Bond, who displays an unusually deep affection and sense of commitment for his doe-eyed counterpart. The witty dialogue between Lynd and Bond knits a delightful web of sexual tension and

friendly respect, which, in turn, makes their onscreen chemistry quite appealing to the audience.

Even the movie's plot and villain are given a respectable twist. In "Royale," the antagonist is not striving for world domination. Played by Danish movie star Mads Mikkelsen, the villain, named Le Chiffre, is a financier of international terrorism who suffers from asthma and cries blood when he's irritated. His motives in "Royale" are much more realistic and not so much blown out of proportion, which makes the plot all the more plausible.

Even if you're not a Bond follower, the movie is worth seeing.

The characters are refreshing and believable, and the film's layout presents a smart balance of all the right elements: dialogue, action and romance.

Guys will love Craig, who, with his honest and rugged persona, adds just the right pinch of self-assuredness and rule breaking tactics.

Women will be mesmerized by Craig's piercing blue eyes and boyish mysteriousness, and, if blue eyes aren't enough, just wait for Craig to emerge from the ocean in his tight blue swim trunks.

MOVIE REVIEW



Casino Royale

★★★★★

Director: Martin Campbell
Starring: Daniel Craig and Eva Green

Genre: Action/Adventure
Rating: PG-13 for violent action, a scene of torture, sexual content and nudity
Running Time: 144 min.

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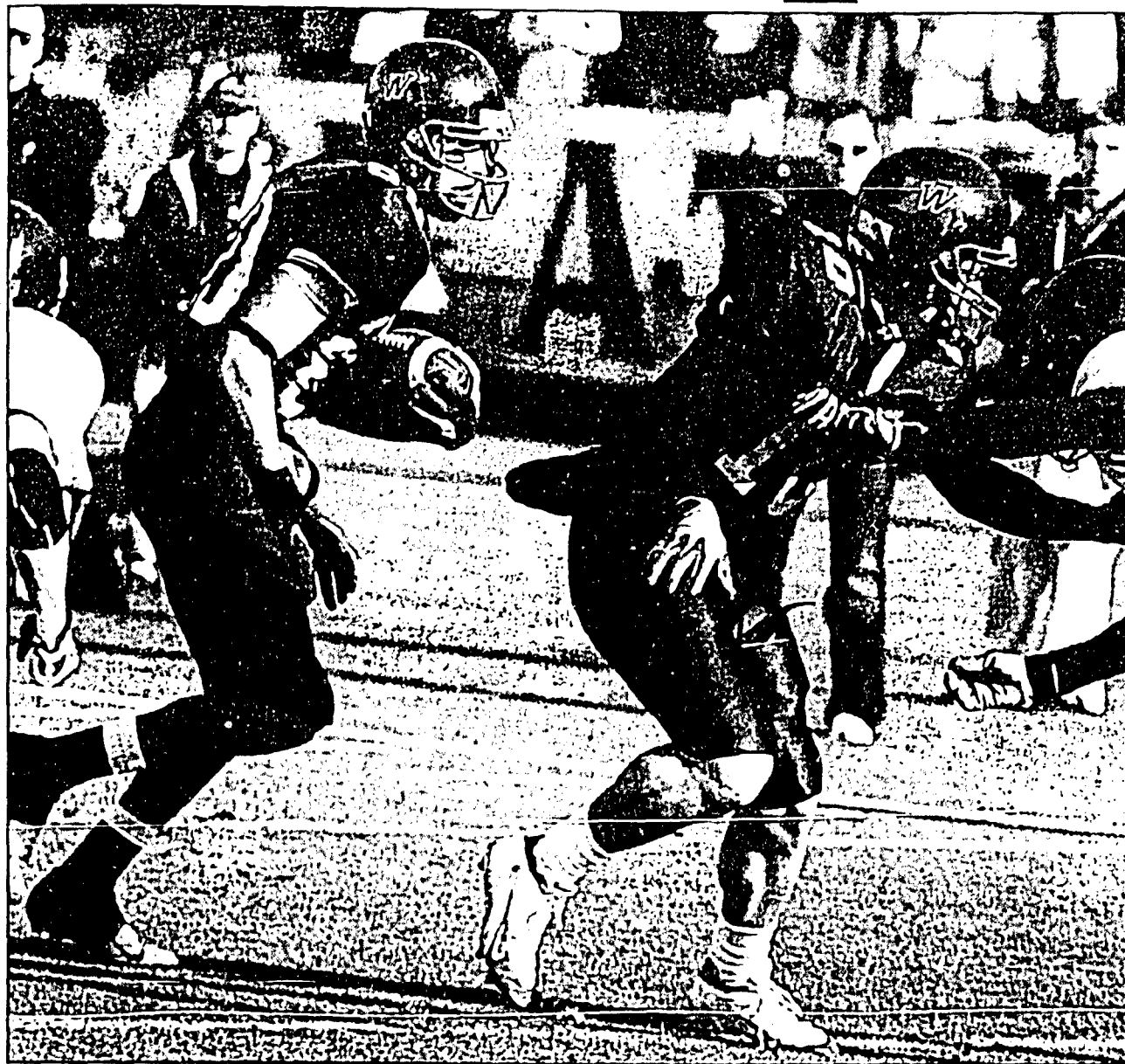


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Junior wide receiver Steve Silva runs after catching a five-yard pass as sophomore Chad Flett blocks for Silva. Silva took the ball down to the Occidental three-yard line, before Joel Clark found him on the next play for the touchdown.

Jesse Clark/Whitworthian

Pirates pull out thriller

Justin Jose
Staff writer

The jaws of defeat stared the Pirates in the face as the Whitworth offense approached the line of scrimmage with only 2:13 remaining and seemingly impossible 64 yards to the end-zone.

With their backs fully against the wall, the Pirates responded with a stunning 27-23 victory over the Occidental Tigers (Calif.).

The season would have ended if not for the heroics of senior quarterback Joel Clark and the clutch Pirate defense.

Clark, severely hobbled from an ankle injury, orchestrated a miraculous comeback that featured a game-saving catch from junior wide receiver Nick Koller.

On third and 15 from the Pirate 46-yard line, Clark heaved a pass

downfield where Koller acrobatically brought in the pass, putting the ball on the Tigers four-yard line.

"Joel just made a great, an incredible throw," Koller said. "The defender had his back to the ball and Joel just placed it to where I was the only one who could catch it."

With the win, the Pirates host St. John's University (Minn.) this Saturday, who earned the spot by defeating Central College (Iowa).

Following the opening kick, the Pirates appeared to be in trouble on the first play as sophomore running back Milton Nelson took a handoff and fumbled in the backfield. But Nelson scooped up the fumble and raced 53 yards to the Tigers 20-yard line where, just seven plays later, Clark hit junior wide receiver Steve Silva eight yards out for the score.

The Tigers responded with a drive

of their own as All-American quarterback Andy Collins dissected the Pirates secondary taking the Tigers inside the Pirate 20. The Pirate defense halted Collins and the offense, and forced the Tigers to settle for a 33-yard field goal by kicker Thomas Joraanstad, making the score 7-3.

Junior safety Jay Tully took the ensuing kick 49 yards to the Tigers 39. Two plays later, Clark hit Tully from 37 yards out for the touchdown. Senior kicker Cameron Collings PAT was blocked, resulting in a 13-3 lead for the Pirates.

The Pirates appeared to have the momentum when Tully intercepted Collins, giving the Pirates offense another chance to build the lead. But the Tigers defense held serve forcing a three and out.

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Allan should be 'go to' target for Bucs

Peter Smelser
Editor-in-chief

It would have been the talk of the game if Whitworth's football team had lost.

But as it stands, it is just a side-note to this weekend's game: senior tight end and NFL prospect Michael Allan, one catch for 11 yards.

FOR PETE'S SAKE

Allan's non-factor in the game could be a testament to Occidental's defensive game plan or the inept play calling and execution of the Pirates' offense. Either way Whit-

worth is lucky to be moving on and hosting another playoff game this coming weekend.

Taking on the role of armchair quarterback is not much fun, but when you have a surefire All-American on the field, you have to find a way to get the ball in his hands.

According to the play-by-play in this past weekend's game, Allan saw the ball coming his direction twice. The first was in Whitworth's first possession in the second half. The pass fell incomplete.

The only other time came with 7:35 to go in the game, a short completion to Allan who broke a tackle and carried four Occidental defenders out of bounds with him.

It is pathetic that in a big game, Allan only had one reception.

Just look at the performances of some Division I tight ends over the past few bowl seasons.

Last year, Zach Miller for Arizona State University had four catches for 43 yards and one touchdown in the Sun Devils' 45-40 bowl win over Rutgers University. Then in 2004, there was Heath Miller of University of Virginia who led his team in receiving with five receptions for 66 yards. The Cavaliers lost in overtime 37-34 to Fresno State University.

Finally, way back in the 2002 National Championship game, Kellen Winslow of Miami was a dominate force in the game with 11 catches for 122 yards and one touchdown.

Allan is not a Winslow or Miller, but he's arguably the best player in Northwest Conference and the best tight end in Division III. He has shown consistently he will make big plays when the ball is in his hands. Allan is averaging over 20 yards-per-catch this season and against Puget Sound he scored twice on plays over 60 yards.

Whitworth needs to find a way to get Allan a minimum of six to 10 looks during a game. Two is unacceptable.

When you have a star on the field, you need to utilize him. Whitworth didn't this weekend, and if they continue to ignore their first team All-NWC tight end they will not be playing much longer.

Williams MVP as Pirates open with pair of wins

Elise Page
Staff writer

The Whitworth men's basketball team had a great start to their season at the Wheaton College Lee Pfund Classic in Illinois.



WILLIAMS

The Pirates won in the first round of the tournament against Eastern (Pa.) to play in the championship against the Wheaton College Thunder. Last Friday, Whitworth shot over 65 percent from the field to dominate Eastern. Senior guard Jon Young made a three-pointer to give the Pirates a 15-4 lead over Eastern just four minutes into the game. After extending their lead to 48-26 at halftime, the Pirates

led the rest of the game by double figures.

With three minutes left in the game, junior forward Ryan Symes dunked the ball to give Whitworth a 34 point lead, 91-57. Symes led the Pirates by making all seven of his shots from the field and all four of his free throws for a total of 18 points. He added seven rebounds.

Senior guard James Jones led Whitworth with 27 points for the night. He made 11 of 17 shots from the field and five of nine from beyond the arc. Young also added 16 points for the Pirates. Senior point guard Bryan Williams posted a double-double with 11 points and 12 rebounds.

The Pirates out-rebounded Eastern 30-20 and forced 19 turnovers to run away with a 95-67 win. The win put them in the tournament championship against Wheaton.

Last Saturday, Whitworth took on the Thunder in a close game for the championship. Whitworth opened the second half

with a ten-point lead, 43-33. Williams and Jones both scored pivotal three-pointers in the second half surge. Wheaton made several big pushes to get back in the lead for the rest of the game.

With nine minutes to go in the game, Whitworth was up 55-52 and Symes hit back-to-back baskets to put the Pirates up by seven. With four minutes to play, Wheaton was down 59-57 after a three-pointer by All-American Kent Raymond.

Whitworth's Young and Williams both scored three-pointers to put Whitworth up eight points. Symes made two free throws to put the Pirates in the lead 69-60 with 37 seconds left in the game. With 2.7 seconds left and Wheaton down three, the Thunder made an effort to tie the game, but the final three-point attempt was no good. Whitworth narrowly claimed victory with a score of 70-67.

Williams, who scored 24 points and

dished out eight assists, was voted tournament MVP. Williams made seven of 11 shots from the field and four of five from beyond the arc. He was a perfect six of six from the free throw line. Symes scored 12 points and seven rebounds while junior forward Colin Willemsen scored ten points.

The Pirates made 24 of 45 of their shots from the field and made eight of 18 shots from the arc. Wheaton held a 29-27 edge in rebounds.

Whitworth now travels to Maui, Hawaii, to host the US Bank-Whitworth Invitational. Whitworth will play Bethany Lutheran on Wednesday and Cal Lutheran on Thanksgiving.

The Pirates return home on Nov. 29 when they take on Walla Walla College at 8 p.m. before opening their NWC season Dec. 1 against Pacific University at 8 p.m. and Dec. 2 against Lewis & Clark College at 6 p.m.

Sports BRIEFS

Buckeyes edge Wolverines in No. 1 vs. No. 2

In a matchup of the top two seeded teams in the nation, the Ohio State University Buckeyes defeated the University of Michigan Wolverines 42-39 in Columbus, Ohio, to remain undefeated. Heisman candidate Troy Smith led OSU by passing for 317 yards and four touchdowns in one of the best rivalries in college football. "The Game," as it is called, was close enough that Michigan retained the No. 2 ranking in the latest BCS poll, potentially setting up a re-match in the National Championship on Jan. 8.

Kobe Bryant youngest to 17,000 points

Kobe Bryant has outdone Shaquille O'Neal once again. Last week, Bryant became the youngest player in the history of the NBA, at 28-years-old, to reach 17,000 points during the Los Angeles Lakers win over the Toronto Raptors. Lakers rookie Jordan Farmar found Bryant for a 16-foot jumper during the second quarter of the game for Bryant's 17,001st point. Wilt Chamberlain and O'Neal were the previous record holders.

Huskies take care of Cougs in Apple Cup

The University of Washington Huskies held on to win 35-32 over the Washington State University Cougars in the Apple Cup last Saturday. Carl Bonnell, who is the Huskies' replacement quarterback, passed for 271 yards and two touchdowns to defeat the team he originally signed with. Cougar quarterback Alex Brink, who took Bonnell's scholarship when he decided to attend UW, threw for 331 yards and two touchdowns in a losing effort.

Colts lose to Cowboys, suffer first defeat

The 1972 Miami Dolphins had to wait 10 weeks to pop champagne, but can finally do so after the Dallas Cowboys defeated the Indianapolis Colts last Sunday 21-14. The Colts, who entered the game in Dallas 9-0, gave up two fourth quarter touchdowns to Marion Barber III to drop their first game of the season. The '72 Dolphins remain the only team in NFL history to end a season undefeated.

— Compiled by Yasmeen Cobb

Pirates crush Bearcats

KT Pridgen
Staff writer

In their final home meet of the season, the Whitworth swim team showed that they are an NWC power.

Last Saturday in a dual meet against Willamette University, both the men's and women's teams overcame the Bearcats, each winning 10 of 11 of the individual events. The women won 109-69 and the men won with a score of 116-64.

"The team was great today," junior Josh McDowell said. "You can't ask for much better than that."

Freshman Natalie Turner contributed an individual win in the 500-meter freestyle with a time of 5:10.73 and helped the Pirates to victory in both the 200 medley relay, which finished in 1:53.2 and the 200 freestyle relay which finished in 1:46.56.

"They're my best times this season, so that's really exciting," said Turner, who has already achieved national qualifying times.

Junior Sam Kephart also had a good meet, winning both the 50

freestyle and the 100 butterfly with times of 25.48 and 59.11, respectively. Sophomore Brittany Gresset won the 100 freestyle with a time of 55.34 and junior Bekah List won the 1000 freestyle in 11:26.10.

"The team is really good this year. We have a good chance at winning conference," Turner said.

The men's team was equally successful. They started the meet with a win in the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:43.22 and ended it with a win in the 200 freestyle relay with a time of 1:32.03. The fastest split was posted by senior Nate Newburg.

"The whole team is really supportive and got us fired up," Newburg said.

Newburg also won the 100 freestyle in a time of 50.06. Freshman Kris Asleson was second in 50.15.

"It was a good race," Newburg said. "It was really close with Kris. We pushed each other."

In addition, junior David Dolphay won the 1000 freestyle in 10:12.24 and the 100 backstroke in 57.87. McDowell won the 100 butterfly in 55.27 and junior Bryan Clarke won the 200 individual



Sophomore Tom Radtke races in the men's 1000 freestyle during their meet against Willamette University last Friday.

medley in 2:02.84.

"I really like the team. We got a really good freshman class this year and we're all supportive of each other. Everyone is swimming their hearts out this year," Newburg said.

Assistant coach Kevin Wang was pleased with the team's performance as well.

"We had some good times, but more importantly we raced well and had correct splits," Wang said.

Wang has high hopes for the team for the remainder of the season as well.

"It's not a done deal, but our girl's and guy's team look to be in the driver's seat to both win conference for the first time ever on the girl's side and the fifth time in a row on the guy's side," Wang said.

The Pirates will race next at the Northwest Invitational and the Husky Invitational, both opening on Dec. 1.

Pirates sweep at UCSC tournament

Sara Morehouse
Staff writer

Soundly beating their two opponents by at least 20 points in each game this past weekend, the Whitworth women's basketball team made the long trek to



MCDANIEL

California worth the trip, opening their season at 2-0.

In their first game of the season last Friday night, the Pirates beat University of California-Santa Cruz by a score of 64-43. The Pirates used rebounding to their

advantage as they totaled 58, 27 of which were offensive.

Defensively, the Pirates forced 29 Banana Slug turnovers and only allowed UCSC to make 12 out of their 55 shots from the field. Head coach Helen Higgs said she is pleased with the outcome.

"We will face tougher competition as the season progresses, but it was good to start out with some easier teams," Higgs said. "We are happy to start 2-0."

Freshman center Susan McDaniel and sophomore guard Alida Bower both achieved double-doubles for the Pirates. McDaniel led the team with 15 points and 17 rebounds. Bower had 12 points to

match her 12 rebounds. Freshman guard Natalie Orrell scored 11 points and junior guard Cassie Snyder offered five assists.

Higgs said that though the team is young and inexperienced, they all played well together after working out a few first-game kinks.

The Pirates made only 31 percent of their shots from the floor, including only five out of their attempted 22 from beyond the arc. Foul shots also gave them trouble, making only 57.7 percent.

Last Saturday the Pirates cleaned their foul line percentage up to 91 and beat La Sierra College 76-27.

Whitworth took off at the beginning, leading by 15 points early. They led a controlled game from there, Higgs said. Orrell led the team with 28 points. The team resolved to come out harder than in Friday's game, Bower said.

"We were just determined to come out stronger on Saturday," Bower said. "Everyone played and played really well."

Higgs said they are going to focus on playing well off the dribble and being more consistent offensively.

"We tend to score in spurts; we want to make that more consistent too," Higgs said.

The Pirates will host their next two opponents to open the Northwest Conference schedule, taking on Pacific University at 6 p.m. on Dec. 1, then hosting Lewis & Clark at 4 p.m. on Dec. 2.

Lauterbach finishes 65th

Collin Storm
Sports Editor

"Shoeless" Julie Lauterbach could be her new nickname.

The Whitworth Pirate senior runner concluded her strong season by finishing 65th at the NCAA Division III National Championships last weekend.

Lauterbach decided to ditch her shoes and run barefoot at the eight kilometer Voice of America Park course in West Chester, Ohio.

"I decided to run without shoes because of the course conditions: mud, mud and more mud," Lauterbach said. "The entire race was grass and dirt, so very soft, and I didn't want to get weighted down by the mud. Having run the course the day be-

fore, I knew how bad the traction was, so I figured I'd be able to grip with my toes better, and be free of the dirt clinging to my shoes."

Her time of 24:27 was the third best for Northwest Conference runners, behind Willamette University's Sarah Zerzan and Lewis & Clark College's Tamara Carleton. Zerzan won the race with a time of 22:31, while Carleton finished 42nd with a time of 24:02.

"I don't think it was a race I could accurately say I ran well or poorly, I just had to run like everyone else," Lauterbach said. "The times were slow, the conditions were less than favorable, so this was a race just to go out and run alongside some of the better runners in our country."

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The Pirates' next two drives resulted in interceptions from Clark and the Tigers turning the turnovers into touchdowns. The first touchdown was a ten-yard toss from Collins to wideout Jason Lehman, closing the gap to four after Joraanstad's PAT sailed wide left.

Clark's second interception gave the Tigers the ball in Pirate territory at the 18 where the Tigers used a trick play to take the lead. Collins pitched the ball to wide receiver Chris Washington in what appeared to be a reverse, but Washington pulled up and threw to a wide open wide receiver Jordan Inabnit for the 18-yard score, giving the Tigers the lead, 16-13.

The Tigers' special teams used excellent coverage on the kickoff, forcing the Pirates to start at their own 13-yard line. Whitworth responded with a drive that took nearly eight minutes off the clock, resulting in a one-yard touchdown run from junior running back Kyle Havercroft. The drive was highlighted by a 14-yard pass from Clark to junior tight end Drew Griggs on third and three from the Tigers' 16 yard line. Clark evaded a sack and lofted a pass down the right side which Griggs leapt for, extending his whole body to come up with the catch.

The second half turned into a defensive grind. The Tigers scored on a one-yard run by running back Matthew Anderson mid-way through the third quarter, putting the Tigers up 23-20. Despite their excellent field position through the rest of the half due to Pirate turnovers, that would be the last score for the Tigers thanks to the Pirate defense's performance.

Whitworth forced five sacks in the half and constantly terrorized Collins. Tully and cohorts immensely turned up the pressure in the second half.

"We were just bringing guys, putting pressure, trying to keep Collins contained; everybody was just flying around the field making plays," Tully said. "We just want to keep playing, trying to do anything to win."

Their performance kept the Pirates in the game, resulting in a thrilling 1:45 drive capped by a one-yard pass from Clark to Driggs for the winning score.

Clark finished the day 18-26 for 204 yards with three interceptions and three touchdowns. Koller led the receiving corps with five catches for 81 yards, while Nelson rushed for 87 yards on seven carries and his counterpart, Havercroft, rushed 27 times for 79 yards and a score.

Defensively, junior defensive back Peter Ghilardi posted 9 tackles while junior linebacker Casey Clifton had eight total tackles, including two sacks.

"[The team is] Special, just special," coach Tully said. "I shouldn't be amazed because of the things this team has done, but I am. This feeling for all of us is just magical, unbelievable. Not many people get to have this opportunity and these kids have it and will remember it for the rest of their lives."

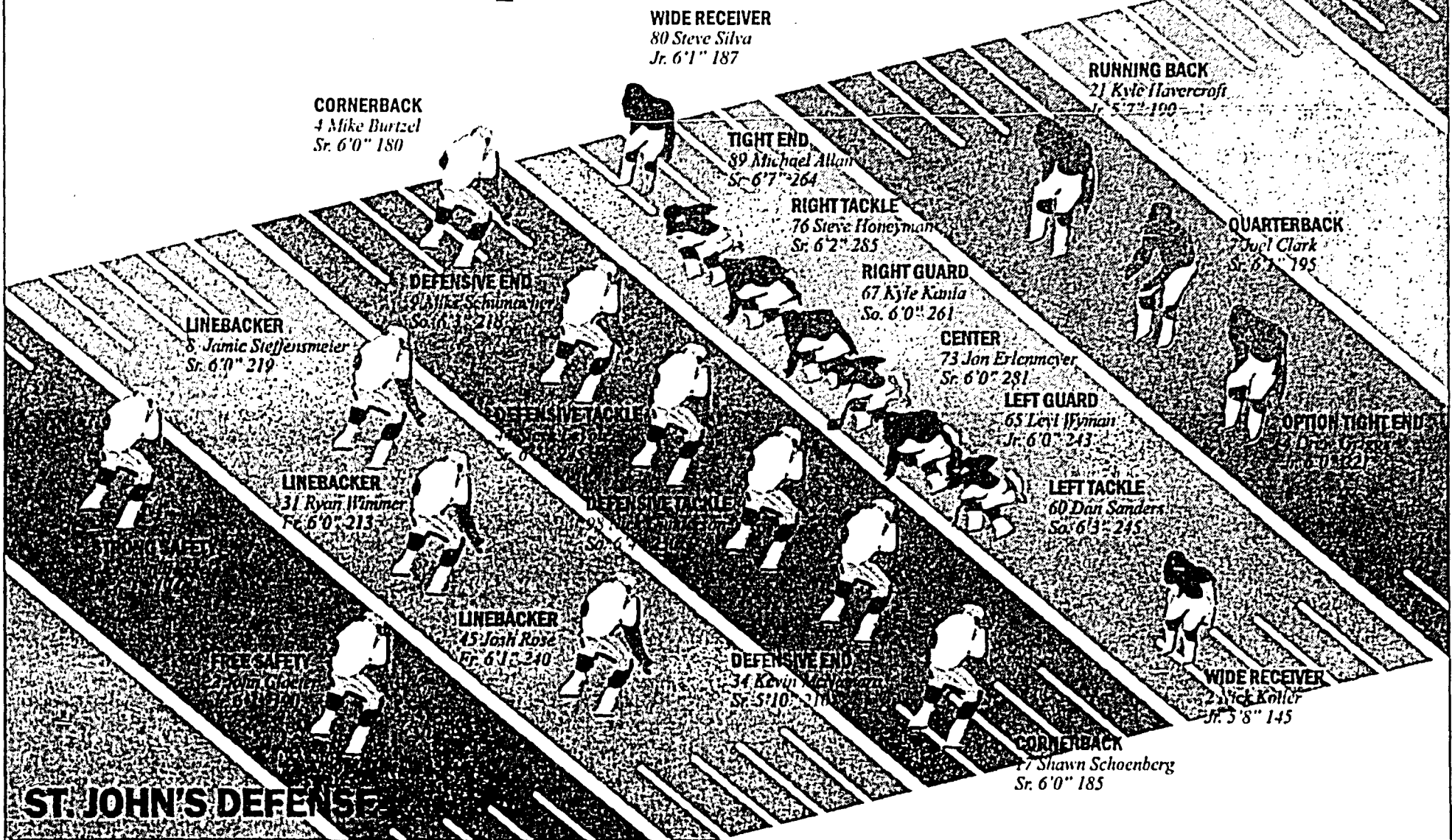
Tully lavished praise on his defense and quarterback. "The defense kept us in the game, gave us the opportunity to come back," coach Tully said. "Joel [Clark] is a special player. He was in pain, but that drive really showed who Joel really is: A competitor that displays tremendous grit and guts in order to win."

The Pirates will try to keep the season alive when they host St. John's University (Minn.) this Saturday at noon. The Johnnies were the co-champion of the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletics Conference and enter the game with a record of 10-1. The Pirates run their record to 11-0.

FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PREVIEW

The line-up

WHITWORTH OFFENSE

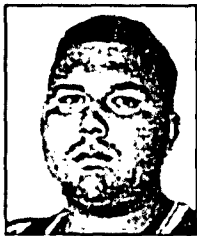


Matchups to Watch:

St. John's Schedule/Results

Sept. 2 vs. Wis.-Eau Claire	W 15-11
Sept. 9 vs. Wis.-River Falls	W 41-9
Sept. 16 @ Augsburg	W 60-0
Sept. 23 @ Concordia-Moorhead	W 14-12
Sept. 30 vs. Carleton	W 29-19
Oct. 7 @ St. Olaf Northfield	W 37-21
Oct. 14 vs. Gustavus Adolphus	W 34-7
Oct. 21 vs. Hamline	W 56-7
Oct. 28 @ St. Thomas	W 27-7
Nov. 11 vs. Bethel	L 13-28
Nov. 18 @ Central (NCAA First Round)	W 21-13

Record: 10-1, 7-1 in MIAC



VS.



Levi Wyman (LG) vs. Nick Gunderson (DT)

Johnnies' defensive tackle Nick Gunderson leads the team with 9.5 sacks for combined loss of 80 yards. Gunderson is second on the St. John's team with 64 tackles this season, 34 of which were solo tackles. With Pirate quarterback Joel Clark hobbling with an ankle injury, it will be up to Wyman, the left guard, and other Pirate offensive linemen to keep Gunderson away from Clark to allow him more time to find a receiver since he's not as mobile.



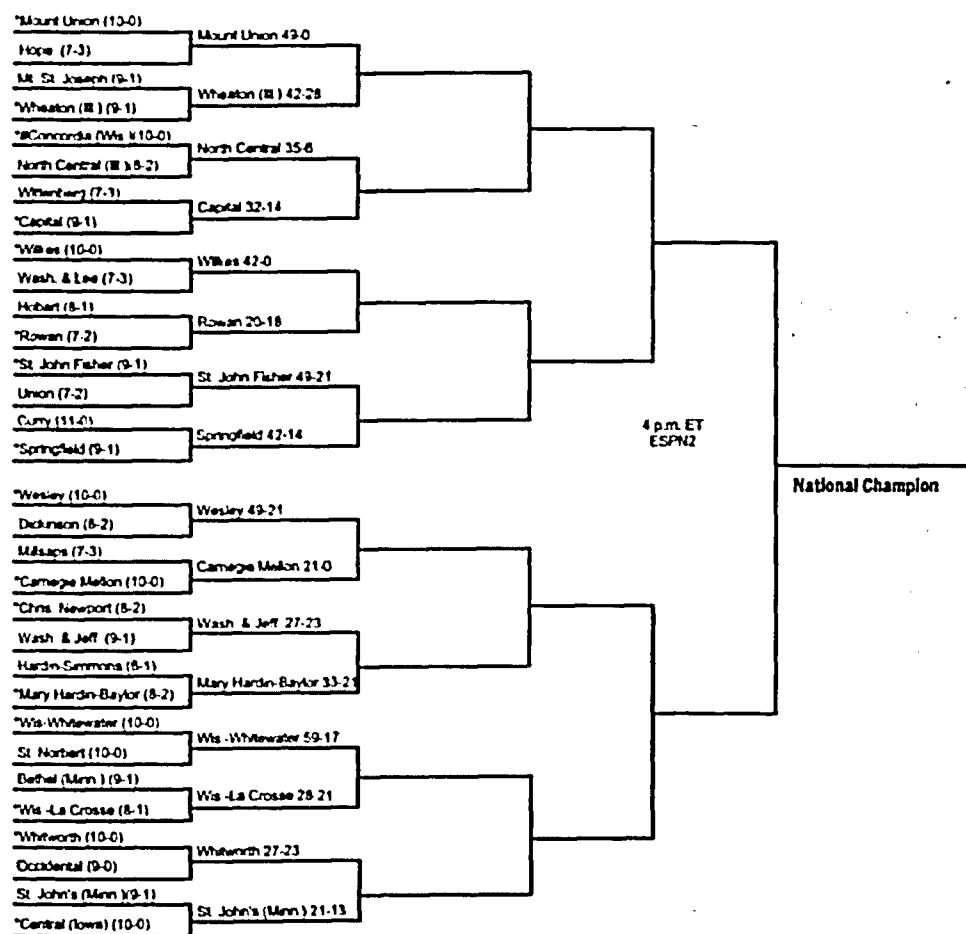
VS.



Mike Lofboom (RB) vs. Casey Clifton (LB)

St. John's running back Mike Lofboom does it all. He is their second-leading rusher (359 yards, 32.6 per game and four touchdowns), leading receiver (49 catches for 683 yards and seven touchdowns) and is the Johnnies' leading kick returner (304 yards on 15 returns). Pirates NWC Defensive Player of the Year linebacker Casey Clifton will have his hands full with Lofboom coming out of the backfield to become a receiver in addition to running the ball.

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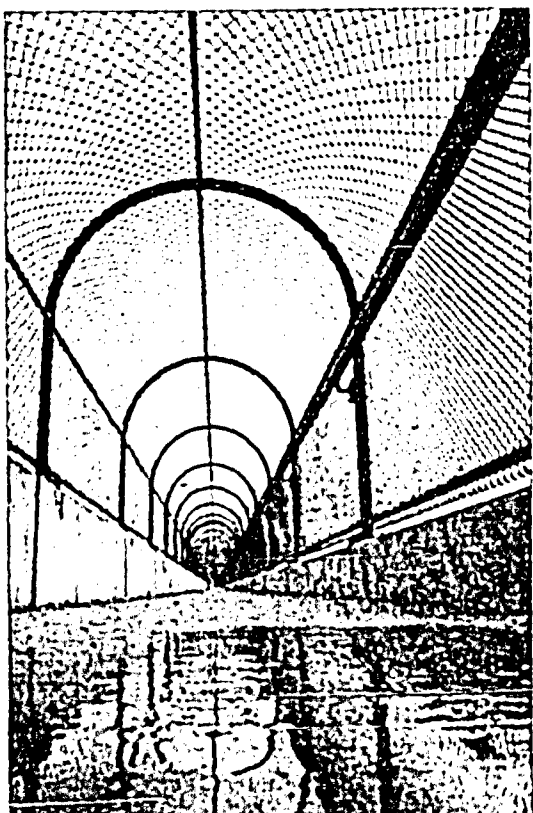
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FAR LEFT SECOND TO TOP: A view across the walkway on the Maple Street Bridge last Saturday.

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FAR LEFT SECOND TO BOTTOM: Junior Robyn Gross works on a Christmas mural on the windows of Stewart Hall last Sunday.

Thomas Robinson Whitworthian

FAR LEFT BOTTOM: The Whitworth women's cross country team gathers to pray before the regional race Nov. 11. Photo courtesy of Shannon Newth

TOP: Sophomore Brian Stenberg, sophomore Kyle Ritter, freshman Eric Vanderheyden and sophomore Brian Holman react during halftime of the football

game last Saturday.

Thomas Robinson Whitworthian

MIDDLE LEFT: Freshman Chelsea Dasso plays piano in the Warren Hall lounge Nov. 12.

Rachel Lynn Whitworthian

MIDDLE RIGHT: Bos-tiki RD Katrina Golden serves ham at the Thanksgiving dinner last Thursday.

Tyler Hamilton Whitworthian

ABOVE LEFT: Junior Taryn Smith practices tennis last Friday.

Nate Chute Whitworthian

ABOVE: Art students clean tools during Printmaking last Wednesday.

Justin Hancock Whitworthian

LEFT: Freshman Kaitlin Hildebrand and junior Shannon Newth play in the ocean near Santa Monica during the regionals trip for cross country. Photo courtesy of Shannon Newth

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Whitworth professors adopt
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Pirates score two wins
James Jones scored a combined 32 points
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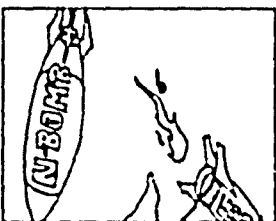
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Professor will move to GU

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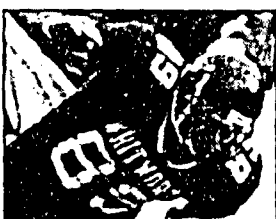
Harrison weighs in on racially charged comments by comedian.

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AIDS placed in global context

Club shows film on stories of AIDS victims around the world.

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Football loses to St. John's

Pirates' 11-0 dream season concludes with a 21-3 loss to St. John's.

WORD FOR WORD

"We are not winning the war ... this year we had more than 2.9 million new infections in Africa alone."

- Michael Sldibe
Head of country and regional support for the U.S. Program on HIV/AIDS

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Peter Burke Whitworthian

ABOVE: Conductor Phillip Baldwin speaks to the audience during "Romantic Russians" on Tuesday, Nov. 28, in Cowles Memorial Auditorium.

ABOVE RIGHT: Freshman Shawna Nordman slams books onto '06 alumnus Phil Lacey's head during a One Act rehearsal of The Anniversary by Anton Chekov and adapted by senior Ben White.



Jesse Clark Whitworthian

Success conceals departments' needs

James Spung
Staff writer

In response to the needs of the music and theatre departments, improvements may finally be on the way for Cowles Memorial Auditorium.

A committee of administrators and faculty are close to finalizing the process for hiring an acoustic consultant to evaluate possible improvements on the 56-year-old auditorium in terms of sound quality and seating capacity.

"We're in the process of settling on an acoustic consultant to give us an idea of how we can improve the hall," Richard Strauch, associate professor of music and member of the committee, said. "If they say that we can improve all we can and still have a substandard facility, we would look

at other options."

Possible improvements could include a higher ceiling or a smaller general space to improve acoustics, Strauch said. While no specific consultant has been hired yet, Strauch hopes that the evaluation process would begin this spring.

For the music and theatre departments, who use the auditorium the most, the building has posed a variety of problems in the past in terms of sound quality, seating and necessary theater features, Rick Hornor, professor of theatre, said.

"The problem with the auditorium for us is that theatre needs a more intimate space," Hornor said.

Hornor said the auditorium does

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CDAs struggle to find place in leadership

Rosa Gibbons
Staff writer

Some students at Whitworth are concerned that all student leaders do not have the same influence on the community.

Junior Nissana Nov was a cultural diversity advocate in Warren Hall last year. She said she began for herself to impact those around her. However, she found that she and the other CDAs had more trouble than other student leaders in making their ideas heard and getting those in the dorms involved.

"We're supposed to promote diversity, and awareness of other people - not just of different ethnicities, but of different religions, beliefs, lifestyles and cultures," Nov said. "Part of the reason it's harder is that there are only two CDAs in each dorm, while there are a ton of RAs."

Associate dean of students Dick Mandeville agreed it can be easier for resident assistants to organize events since there are more per dorm. He also pointed out that those who supervise other student leaders such as senators, CDAs and small group leaders live off-campus. In contrast, the resident directors, who supervise the RAs, live in the dorms with them.

"That gives an RA more direct, more frequent contact with the person who directly supervises them," Mandeville said.

Junior Anna Jen, a CDA for Ballard-Schumacher-McMillan, said at the beginning of the year she felt less important, and a bit isolated.

"But not anymore," Jen said. "I

think the RD makes a big difference in whether all the leadership feels involved and important, and Sean Mulcahy does a good job of including everyone."

Sophomore Jeremiah Sataraka, a CDA in Warren, agreed that his resident director, Tyler Pau, has been a big influence on him, and has made him feel welcome. He also said that Esther Louie, assistant dean of intercultural student affairs, was very influential in preparing him for being a CDA.

"She provided us with enough time to train us, inform us, have one-on-one time with us," Sataraka said.

Sataraka said he thinks it is important to realize that each leadership team is going to be different.

Nov said this can be part of the problem because everyone has a different idea of what community is. She said she feels it is important for everyone in each dorm, students as well as leaders, to be able to agree on what they believe defines community.

Nov also voiced her belief that leaders such as CDAs should be relationship-oriented.

"I feel that our community should value more authentic relationships," Nov said. "I'm not sure exactly how to make that happen, but I think it would help if we are more intentional, more mindful of all our differences in our relationships."

Jen agreed that superficial relationships can be associated with being a CDA.

"There are so many people, and you want to get to know everyone

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Yearbook proposes student fee increase

Jessica Kauli
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A request for a constituency report from ASWC assembly members to add \$20 to the student fee for every student was made by Natsihi. Raising the student fee will provide a yearbook for everyone who wants one.

Director of annual giving, alumni, parent and church relations and Natsihi Adviser Tad Wisenor said that the apathy students seem to have regarding the yearbook is increasing.

Twenty years ago over 75 percent of students purchased the Natsihi. Now, fewer than 35 percent of students purchase the Natsihi.

"The Natsihi is a high quality, award-winning, full-color book worthy of consideration," Wisenor said.

ASWC agreed last week to send a constituency report to students asking if they would support raising student fees to \$20. Once the constituency report is complete, the proposal will move on to the President's Cabinet.

The ultimate decision to raise student fees lies with the Board of Trustees, who meet in the spring.

Junior and yearbook editor-in-chief Amanda Smith said in the ASWC meeting last week that this same proposal went to the President's Cabinet a few years ago. The Cabinet rejected the proposal because they wanted to make sure students approved the raise in student fees.

Wisenor also said that a large number of books ordered means that the overall printing cost is lower, hence \$20 per person instead of \$40 or more.

If the proposal is not approved, the cost



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will need to go up five to ten dollars next year in order for Natsihi to produce the same quality book they produced last year.

Smith believes the proposal is beneficial to all students.

"I think it's beneficial if they are thinking about buying a yearbook, I think they will look at the price tag of \$50 and think that is way too much. Cutting it down to \$20 makes it more attractive," Smith said.

While the yearbook is not in immediate danger of disappearing, Smith said the Natsihi is already cutting quality to stay on budget.

"Right now we are producing such a nice yearbook we are in danger of losing color," Smith said. "We will cut the quality before we cut the yearbook out."

Students will have the option to pick up a

yearbook under the new proposal.

"What we're planning to do is a sign-up sheet until we get an idea of who wants to take advantage of the price of the yearbook included in student fees," Smith said.

Smith said the yearbook is an important resource for Whitworth's archives.

"It is the only piece that will be published every year. It is the best thing that people look to during research projects," Smith said. "It's a huge resource for Whitworth history."

Wisenor encourages students to look at the publication with a fresh perspective.

"We want to make sure members of the class 2010 have a yearbook to flip through when they return for their 25th reunion in 2035," Wisenor said.

—Jessica Davis contributed to this report

CDAs: Leaders challenge lack of set-up and structure in current system

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at some level, so you can have superficial relationships with a lot of people. You develop deeper relationships with some people, but there's not enough time to have deep relationships with everyone. It is kind of sad," Jen said. "Being a CDA is about building relationships and promoting differences. It's also about learning as you go."

Other CDAs also said they felt there were mixed expectations of what their job entailed.

"It would be easier if I knew more what to do," junior Karolynn Tom, a CDA in Warren, said.

Sophomore Billy O'Connell, a CDA for Ballard-Schumacher-McMillan also said that the job of a CDA is not really set-up or structured very well.

"Sometimes I feel like I'm doing less than I should be doing, and it can be frustrating," O'Connell said.

Tom said she feels it can be dif-



Tyler Hamilton Whitworthian

CDAs Holly Fauerso and Caitlin Storm sing Christmas carols in Arend Hall.

icult to get things done.

"I would say that it is hard being a CDA who wants to accomplish a lot to have to work with other staff who aren't focused on the same stuff that CDAs are," Tom said.

"It's not that the RA's don't try,

it's just that they have a different focus."

Tom said the immediate goals of RAs and CDAs are different, but the final goal of promoting community is the same.

O'Connell said he still feels part

of a team.

"But for the most part I feel like I am given enough of a voice to be able to make decisions with the rest of my leadership team," O'Connell said.

Freshman Stephanie Augsburg, an international student from Switzerland, said the CDAs were effective in helping her transition into life at Whitworth.

"They were my first friends in a way," Augsburg said. "They also want to promote the mixing of nationalities on campus, and make people aware of what a good thing it is to see diversities on campus and then in the world."

Despite her concerns, Nov said she considers Whitworth's leadership system to be the best she has seen at any college.

"My friends from other colleges are always impressed with our leadership team, and I'm very proud of that," Nov said. "A lot of them don't even know who their RA is."

Whitworth
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Does
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need a dead
period before
finals week?

Brian Holman
Sophomore

"All my professors
tend to be more le-
nient in the last week
before finals, but it
would be nice."

Emilee Langbehn
Sophomore

"Yes, because then
we'd have entire
days to study and not
have to go to class."

Ashley Wong
Freshman

"I would say it kind of
sounds like a waste
of time ... College
is a time where you
learn how to work
hard."

Jeff Forsyth
Sophomore

"Yes, so we can watch
NFL football."

Compiled by James Spung and Thomas Robinson

Professor accepts GU position

Leah Motz
Assistant copy editor

Political science lecturer Sandra Simpson will be moving to Gonzaga Law School after the spring semester.

"My department is going to be making an announcement," Simpson said. "It has nothing to do with Whitworth; it has to do with my career."

It has always been Simpson's goal to teach as a professor at a law school. Beginning August 2007, Simpson will be the new assistant professor of legal research and writing.

Simpson learned of the position through a neighbor who is a law professor at Gonzaga.

At a neighborhood function, he encouraged her to apply for the position. Simpson submitted her application in early fall and went through additional hiring steps such as meetings with faculty and intensive screening interviews.

Simpson was offered the position and accepted in October.

"I would not have gotten the job at Gonzaga without my experience at Whitworth," Simpson said. "I cannot say enough good things about my time at Whitworth."

Students reacted to news of Simpson's new position with shared disappointment.

"Personally, I'm somewhat heartbroken that she's leaving," sophomore Charity Purvis said. "Simultaneously, I'm really glad that she's been hired at Gonzaga for a position that suits her so well. The Law school is going to benefit tremendously from her tenure there, and I know she's going to love teaching at the graduate level."

Purvis has taken two classes from Simpson already and plans to take her Modern Congress class in the spring.



Thomas Robinson/Whitworthian

Lecturer Sandra Simpson interacts with students in the Law and Society class in Weyerhaeuser Hall last week.

"I wish I'd had the chance to take more classes with her, because she is one of the best professors on this campus," Purvis said.

Junior political studies major Marie Martelly is disappointed that Simpson is leaving.

"It was a shock because it was really unexpected, there was no sign," Martelly said. "I've had only two classes with her but she's had a huge impact on me."

Martelly feels the political science department will be losing a lot of personality with Simpson's departure.

"They're going to be missing tons of enthusiasm, experience and a lot of warmth," Martelly said. "She was very willing to get to know you on a personal basis and she puts herself out there."

Doug Smith, a junior political studies major, emphasized Simpson's professional experience as a

lawyer and her connections in the Spokane area.

"She had a Washington Supreme Court justice (Mary Fairhurst) come to our class, I don't think anybody else has those types of connections," Smith said.

Both Martelly and Smith encouraged the department to look for diverse faculty members when interviewing applicants for Simpson's position.

"I think especially in our department, more than other departments, a different viewpoint is more important so I think diversity is something we should try to look for," Smith said.

Simpson has spoken with vice president of academic affairs Michael Le Roy and the school is planning to advertise for her position at the beginning of the spring semester.

"I'm going to be part of the process of looking at applicants," she said. "It's been a really interesting process. I'm leaving but I'm still going to be here for a semester."

Simpson is looking forward to having one more semester with her current students before she leaves for Gonzaga.

"It's a nice way to leave because I've had so much time with my students," she said. "I'm very sad to leave because I love them and I love my department and I love my job but I've always wanted to be a law professor and for me this is a culmination of all I've wanted to do."

Gonzaga appealed to her for their focus on social justice.

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IM coordinator proposes intramural wrestling

Jessica Davis
News editor

Senior intramural coordinator Eric Fredriksen announced he is working to implement an intramural wrestling program by partnering with Big Cat Wrestling.

During the Nov. 15 ASWC meeting, Fredriksen said he hopes to begin the program next semester after which intramural wrestling would turn into a club.

Whitworth students would practice with Mead High School wrestlers but compete in tournaments against other college students.

"We are hoping to bring back some of the college wrestling program," Big Cat Wrestling director Bill Rogers said. Rogers is the husband of professor of business Heather Rogers.

Big Cat Wrestling is a non-profit organization that is working to build a community of support for Mead High School wrestling as well as promote the sport of wrestling as a whole, Rogers said.

"The club is a nucleus of wrestling enthusiasts," Rogers said.

Within the club, there are different levels with an equal playing field.

"So often athletes are overlooked because they are too small," Rogers said. "The nice thing about wrestling is participants will be matched up against wrestlers of the same age and weight."

In exchange for Whitworth being able to practice with Mead students, Big Cat would be allowed to use Graves Gym for a couple of weekends and the Fieldhouse for one big event, Fredriksen said.

Whitworth students would pay \$35 for insurance, and then get to wrestle with Mead High School students for free, Rogers said. Students can purchase the card online at www.washingtonstatewrestling.com. The USA Wrestling card will allow Whitworth students to wrestle in any

"If everything is covered and good, then we'll make it happen."

Rodney Wecker,
Assistant athletic director for facilities

USA Wrestling sanctioned event (Collegiate, Freestyle or Greco).

Until Fredriksen deals with insurance concerns, students will not be able to practice.

"We have scores of paper work that has to be filled out prior to this occurring which we obtained from our insurance people," assistant dean of students Dayna Coleman Jones said.

Coleman Jones said Rogers has to show proof of insurance to get the program started.

USA Wrestling is the primary insurance holder which takes liability off Whitworth and the coaches, Rogers said.

In the past, Whitworth has been hesitant about high contact sports such as wrestling due to insurance concerns, Fredriksen said.

Assistant athletic director for facilities Rodney Wecker is concerned about the liability of such a high contact sport mainly due to the possibility of injuries.

"The college should be concerned with the liability with this type of intramural program," Wecker said. "If everything is covered and good, then we'll make it happen."

Another concern Wecker brought up is student involvement.

"Is this for a select few that people or is it a continual effect? Would this program continue on in future years?" Wecker said.

Sophomore Bud Bareither said there does not seem to be much student interest in wrestling from what he has heard.

"It would be tough to find a spot [for wrestling]. I don't see what Whitworth would get out of it," Bareither said.

Fredriksen admitted that partnering with Big Cat is not really within the bounds of Whitworth's intramural program.

"It's not, it's really a club thing," Fredriksen said.

Fredriksen said he is acting as a facilitator to get wrestling started back up at Whitworth.

"A lot of students did it in high school and would like to do [wrestling], but there is no organization at Whitworth," Fredriksen said.

Senior Drew Griggs said he knows between five and ten people who are interested in wrestling. Griggs has wrestled since he was in kindergarten. He also wrestled at Mt. Spokane High School before coming to Whitworth and playing football.

"It's something that I would do," Griggs said. "A few of my friends that play football and wrestled in high school would be interested."

Rogers said around a dozen Whitworth students already help out with practice.

"Whitworth is already indirectly involved in Mead's wrestling program," Rogers said.

"Several former high school wrestlers that have attended or are currently enrolled at Whitworth College have helped to support the Mead High School wrestling program by volunteering to help at practices," Rogers said.

This program gives Whitworth students the opportunity to compete in wrestling on a bigger level. Medals will be awarded to the top three places in tournaments, Rogers said.

"Whitworth benefits from Big Cat Wrestling in that we facilitate another need for people who want to wrestle at Whitworth who do not have the opportunity to do so," Fredriksen said. "They are gracious enough to let us use their equipment and we are gracious enough to let them use our facilities for a few days of the year."

Students who wish to learn more about the Big Cat program may contact Bill Rogers at wjr0623@yahoo.com.

World BRIEFS

North Korea agrees to six-party talks

Negotiations concerning the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula may resume soon.

Talks which had included China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) in North Korea, the Republic of Korea (ROK) in South Korea, the United States, Russia and Japan broke down last November when the United States took sanctions against the DPRK alleging that it had engaged in money laundering.

Pope makes first visit to Muslim country

Pope Benedict XVI visited Turkey last week, his first to a Muslim country. The Pope arrived in the Turkish capital, Ankara, under very tight security due to remarks the pontiff made some months ago when he quoted a Byzantine Emperor who characterized Islam as a violent religion.

Radioactive traces found on British planes

Traces of the radioactive material polonium-210 were found on three British Airways planes.

The UK government was alerted last week that three planes were of interest in the investigation into the death of ex-KGB agent Alexander Litvinenko from radiation poisoning.

Fijian military seeks to repel intervention

Clad in full battle regalia, members of the Fijian military took control of the streets of Suva, Fiji, just before dawn to repel foreign intervention and secure strategic places in Suva, according to Major Neumi Leweni, military spokesman.

Newly elected president takes oath of office

In a very quick ceremony last Friday, Felipe Calderon took the oath of office making him the next president of Mexico.

Riots have occurred in Mexico mainly because former presidential candidate Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, of the Democratic Revolution Party, claims he was robbed of the presidency.

Compiled by Luis Lopez

Campus BRIEFS

Dine with Mind encourages relationships

Whitworth recently implemented the Dine with a Mind program to encourage student interaction with faculty. The program will give students an opportunity to invite a professor to a meal on campus.

The program was fashioned after a similar one at Wheaton College.

Wheaton originally set aside \$4,500 for the program, but they added an additional \$2,000 to the fund last year in response to the high demand for the program, said Ward Kreigbaum, assistant provost at Wheaton.

The Provost office at Wheaton originally invested \$2000 in the program, and the human resources office agreed to match that amount when the program was expanded to include staff members.

ASWC and Academic Affairs are sponsoring the program.

It will cover the cost of the professor's food up to \$5.75 spent in the dining hall, campus Café or Mind and Hearth coffee shop.

The program is designed to promote conversations between students and faculty members as well as build relationships outside the classroom.

Interested students can obtain a voucher from the HUB Information Desk.

ASWC tables discussion for finals dead day

Senior Intramural Coordinator Eric Fredriksen proposed a dead period before finals week in the ASWC meeting last week.

The Assembly voted to table the proposal until the next meeting. Whitworth students currently do not have any break before finals.

Fredriksen cited Babson College as an example of a school that gives students some time off before finals.

Campus-wide caroling starts Saturday night

This Saturday night features a Catholic fellowship event presenting campus-wide Christmas caroling starting at 6:00 p.m.

Caroling, cookies and hot beverages will be available for students in the HUB Multipurpose room. The Christmas story will be read. The event is free to students.

Compiled by Leah Motz and Jessica Davis

Princeton awaits Edwards

Professor to conduct research, finish book

Tim Takechi
Staff writer

Theology professor Jim Edwards will spend the 2007 fall semester studying at Princeton Theological Seminary in an effort to further his research and complete a book he is writing.

Edwards will occupy the newly formed position of Bruner-Welch Chair of Theology, which is an academic position fully-funded by an independent family at Whitworth.

Working separately from the Whitworth theology department, Edwards will be allowed to teach and research part-time while maintaining his current salary.

This position will send Edwards to the Center of Theological Inquiry at Princeton University, a prestigious theological think tank comprised of 12 scholars from around the world.

"It's a fabulous opportunity. The Center for Theological Inquiry has a beautiful facility, they make every effort to provide scholars for the very best setting to research and write," Edwards said. "I don't think it gets much better than this."

All scholars accepted into this program will be provided with housing, an office, a computer and full access to the Speer Library, one of the greatest theological libraries in the world, Edwards said.

Edwards said he will spend this time completing his book in which he explores the role of the Hebrew Gospel in the early Christian church and how it influenced the formation of the four synoptic gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The Gospel of Luke contains hints of Hebrew linguistic influence, Edwards said.

Christian scholars debate the origins of the original gospel manuscripts and many do not consider the possibility of a Hebrew source.

Edwards said he hopes his book could clear up some of the mysteries concerning the origins of Christianity.

"I'm hoping to provide a foundation for a better understanding of the first three gospels," Edwards said.

Edwards will spend September to December 2007 at Princeton and will resume teaching at Whitworth in the spring of 2008. He is currently the department head of Whitworth's Theology and



Nate Chute Whitworthian

Professor of Theology Jim Edwards will spend the 2007 fall semester studying at Princeton Theological Seminary to complete his book.

Philosophy Department. A temporary replacement has not been determined as of yet.

While he is gone, assistant professor Adam Neder and lecturer Scott Starbuck will teach some of the courses Edwards primarily teaches.

Neder, who will teach World Religions, said he is happy that Edwards was accepted into the Center of Theological Inquiry.

"I think [this opportunity] will help him to do scholarship that's helpful to him and the college," Neder said.

In addition, the Gospel of Mark class will be canceled for the fall 2007 semester.

Edwards said he is excited about this opportunity to be able to study with the brightest minds in the world without having to worry about grading papers or giving lectures on a daily basis.

"I'm looking forward to being free from teaching. I love to teach, but it's hard to write and teach," Edwards said.

Johnson accepts STCU position

Megan Rieger
Staff writer

Tom Johnson, the chief financial officer of Whitworth for the past 17 years, recently accepted a job at the Spokane Teachers Credit Union.

Johnson began his new position as vice president of administration at STCU on Dec. 1. He will be involved in strategic planning, innovation and organizational growth.

"I've been looking for a couple of years for a new opportunity," Johnson said.

Dale Soden, professor of history and head of the strategic planning committee, believes Johnson's business management skills deserve high credit.

"He makes sure we don't spend foolishly or don't mismanage the funds we have. It sounds easy, but it's not," Soden said.

Johnson's scope of responsibility as vice president of business affairs included financial management of the endowment, the college's long-term savings account.

"One of the areas I really feel good about is the growth of the college endowment," Johnson

said. "When I first came here, it was \$10 million and now it's reached a point of \$70 million."

Johnson's impact is evidenced by the physical appearance of the campus.

When Johnson began his career at Whitworth in 1989, all the signage on campus was carved wood, reminiscent of a summer camp that was often times referred to as "Camp Whitworth," Soden said.

"Most people now don't walk on campus and say, 'this reminds me of a summer camp I went to,' when 20 years ago, they did," Soden said.

Johnson provided leadership in the development of the current aesthetics of campus by assisting in the Facilities Master Plan

for the campus in 1995, which identified major building sites and pedestrian and vehicular traffic patterns.

Johnson also directed the financing and planning teams for Duvall Hall, Weyerhaeuser Hall and the Hixon Union Building.

Johnson's oversight of the physical maturation of the campus is not well known.

"Not that many people know about Tom's work," Soden said. "He's been a very important part

of the college's maturation and success."

The college will initiate a search for Johnson's replacement after the first of the year. Until then, Luz Merkel, controller, will be overseeing business operations along with the business affairs staff.

"Tom oversees the bookstore, facilities, human resources, I.T. and the business office so in the in-between time [while a candidate search is conducted], all of his directors will step in and fill the gap," Merkel said.

Johnson provided wisdom and direction to the people he worked with based on his vast experience, so he leaves big shoes to fill, Merkel said.

"It's going to take time for a new person to provide that same level of support to the institution," she said.

Johnson already boasts a long history with Spokane Teachers Credit Union, where he served as a board member for 12 years. STCU is the largest credit union in eastern Washington with 70,000 members and \$845 million in assets.

Johnson said he enjoyed working with people dedicated to the college's mission.

"It's been a privilege to serve in this role and to be a part of a great era of the college," Johnson said.

Professor to publish book on politics and media

Tracey Brown
Staff writer

This month, a Whitworth professor will complete a book on journalism, politics and history which will be published by Northwestern University Press in the summer or fall of 2007.

Associate professor of communication studies, Jim McPherson, who was previously the adviser to The Whitworthian, was invited to submit a proposal on a topic of his choice related to journalism and history.

"It's a book about the relationship between the news media and the rise of the conservative movement," McPherson said. "I would argue that despite the fact that people say the news media are becoming more liberal, it is actually becoming more conservative."

The book proposal was accepted by the editorial board at Northwestern University Press, and McPherson was offered a contract to write the book he had proposed.

McPherson's book is entitled "Getting the News Right: The Press and the Conservative Resurgence."

His first book, "Journalism at the End of the American Century, 1965-Present," was released this summer.

"I have an interdisciplinary Ph.D. in journalism, history and political science from Washington State University, so this topic goes right along with all three of my interests," McPherson said.

McPherson said he will incorporate some of his findings into his classes at Whitworth this spring.

"One of the fun things about the writing process is that I get to be a student again," McPherson said. "I teach Mass Media History and Media Criticism; in each, I talk about political media, so some of the things I learned I will apply directly to those two classes."

McPherson said he will be teaching three upper-division classes in the spring, two of which he normally teaches during the fall semester. He will resume his position as adviser of The Whitworthian next fall.

"One of the drawbacks to sabbaticals, particularly for students, is that classes we teach sometimes have to be rearranged," McPherson said.

According to the Whitworth Faculty Handbook, the college values the continued scholarship of its faculty and accordingly, "the college provides the means for faculty to engage in research, study, creative activities, cross-cultural studies and contacts with scholars outside the Whitworth College community."

All regular, tenured faculty members at Whitworth can apply for a sabbatical every seventh year of their teaching careers.

"The idea is that it gives you time away from day-to-day thinking about teaching and all of those sorts of things to concentrate on something else," McPherson said.

McPherson said sabbaticals are not guaranteed to everyone and there is a committee that decides which faculty members are the most deserving.

No more than 9 percent of Whitworth's faculty can be on sabbatical during any given year.

CONCEALS: Auditorium's acoustics produce dead sound

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not have wing space, fly space (an area above the stage to which large sets can be lifted with pulleys), costume shops, dressing rooms or loading doors for sets and backdrops – all conventional needs for a theater.

Additionally, the auditorium's capacity of about 1,250 is much too large for both theatre and music programs, Hornor said, adding that the department would like a space that seats about 500 people.

The music department has experienced similar difficulties, particularly with the auditorium's acoustics.

"It's the design," professor of music Dan Keberle said. "It has a low ceiling, and it's long and narrow, so sound comes out dead. There isn't good ring or reverb."

Keberle, who served on the Facility Planning Committee from the mid-1990s until 2005, noted that the music department does not have as many problems with the building as theatre, and sections of the music department, like the jazz program, even enjoy playing in the auditorium.

"I know professional jazz musicians that have said the auditorium is the best jazz venue in the city," Keberle said.

Perhaps the greatest difficulty that both departments face is sharing space and time for rehearsal in the auditorium.

"All kinds of events happen in the auditorium, and we're always competing for time. We can't run



Phillip Baldwin conducts Whitworth's orchestra on Tuesday, Nov. 28, in Cowles Memorial Auditorium.

a performance for more than two weekends," Hornor said. He added that music and theatre are the only departments at Whitworth that have to share space.

The music department is also forced to vie for rehearsal time on the stage, which has been a source of "great frustration" to the various music programs, Keberle said.

"Most of the time, [theatre is] in there with sets on the stage or they're blocking or rehearsing, so we can't go in there and rehearse," Keberle said. "There's

a significant amount of weeks in the semester that they just say 'no music' and we can't go in."

The ideal improvement for both departments would be two separate performance halls, each smaller in capacity than the auditorium, Hornor said.

"If we had a theater, we could run a show for three, four, five weeks, which is what most shows do. We could still handle the same crowds and same number, but we could space it out," Hornor said.

A plan for two performance halls, however, is not necessar-

ily practical in terms of finances for facility improvement, Keberle said.

There have been several plans to create more space for performing arts in the past. The music building was originally built in 1977 as the first phase of a larger music complex that would have included a concert venue and practice rooms, which is why the northeast corner lacks windows and doors.

The plan fell through due to limited funds in the face of more pressing needs on campus, like the

construction of the Hixson Union Building, Harriet Cheney Cowles Library and Weyerhaeuser Hall, Keberle said.

Another plan, proposed in the mid-1990s, called for a cluster of art buildings somewhere on campus, but was scrapped due to a lack of space.

"A big part of it is financing. It's easier to get money for sports and science than it is for performing arts. And that's not a Whitworth issue. It's more of a cultural issue," Hornor said.

Hornor added that the theatre department has "managed to do well" with the limited space and lack of necessary equipment, which has masked the problem.

Still, both departments have expressed the desire for the college to actively try to acquire funding for improved or new facilities for the performing arts.

"What I want to hear is that [the college is] being intentional about seeking out those who would be willing to contribute to the performance arts at Whitworth," Hornor said.

Keberle acknowledged the problem with obtaining funding toward music, but also mentioned that brand new, state-of-the-art music buildings have been constructed at Central Washington University, Pacific Lutheran University and Washington State University.

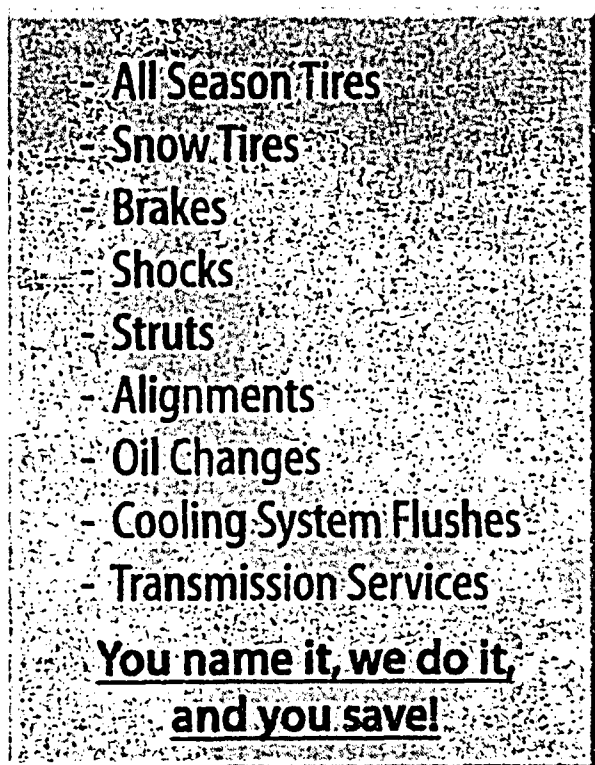
"A lot of schools in the Northwest – competitors, actually – have new music buildings, so it can be done," Keberle said.



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IN THE LOOP

An editorial

Core needs more critical thinking

Critical thinking remains aloof in the Core programs.

The National Survey of Student Engagement released last year shows Whitworth students struggle with critical thinking skills such as applying and analyzing.

Considering that every Whitworth student is required to take Core, it is important to start the process of learning to think critically at the 150 level.

Whitworth students are able to be critical thinkers, but 150 lends itself to memorization. Students are trained in 150 and reinforced in 250 that the way to be a strong student at Whitworth is to be able to memorize and regurgitate rather than understand and analyze.

The Core 150 class was restructured before the current school year. At the start of the semester these changes challenged students to think more about what they were learning, instead of relegating information to the mind-numbing memorization of past years.

However, the latest Core 150 test went back to the old model of "memorize and get an 'A'" format that has plagued the class in the past. It is important that the Core 150 instructors find an appropriate medium of memorization and application for a 100 level class.

Core 150 should not be a grade buster. Students could benefit from applying lecture material to current events. Some Core 150 students feel there is a disconnect between the facts they are learning and how the facts apply to current civilization.

It is important to remember that not all college freshmen are able to analyze and critically think about what they are learning, yet the Core program should be pushing them to become better thinkers, not better memorizers.

The Core 250 class is an important element to the Whitworth College liberal arts education because it teaches the philosophical origins of Western Civilization. Yet some elements of the class are debilitating to students who want to critically understand the material at a deeper level.

Core 250 presents dozens of philosophers from Plato to Nietzsche, in the same methodical way. Every philosopher is categorized by their metaphysics, ethics, anthropology, politics and epistemology. It is philosophy in a box. *Not all philosophers fit in this evangelically-constructed box.*

This translates to how students study for the tests. Instead of gaining an understanding of the material, students set up a grid with all the philosophers on the left side and the five categories on the top. To study, students fill in the grid with the information from lectures and then memorize it. If a philosopher does not fit in the categories, teach the philosopher without categorizing them.

The reading responses in Core 250 are one of the strengths of the class. They challenge students by presenting philosophers in the original text which forces students to read and understand the material.

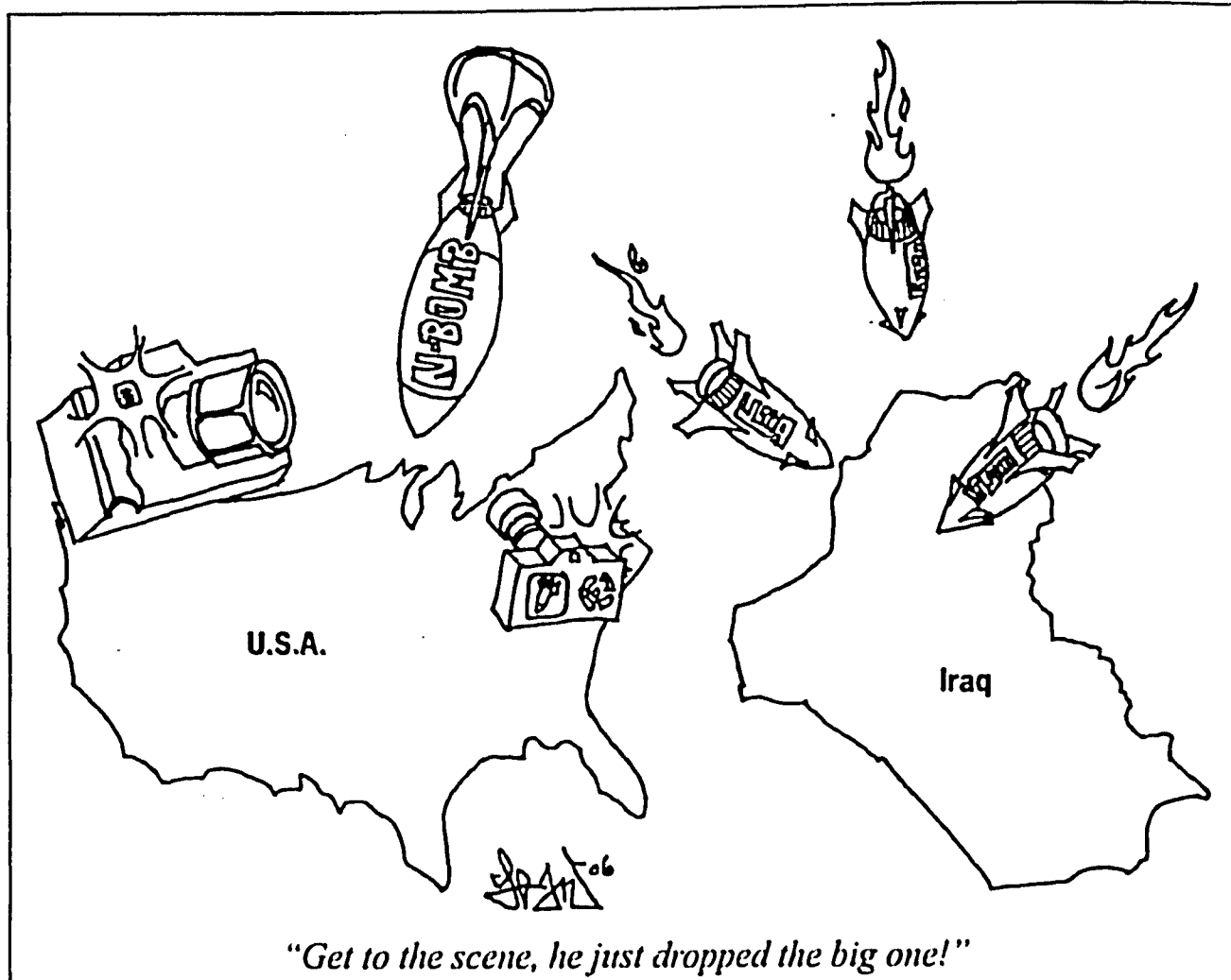
However, this semester students were required to relate every reading response to the philosophers' anthropology. While anthropology is important, it does not fit with every philosopher. The Core 250 team needs to analyze which of the five categories best fits the given philosopher and then assign a reading response that asks the student to respond using that category. Sometimes use epistemology, other times anthropology and other times ethics. Not every philosopher's anthropology is essential to understanding that philosopher. Also, the repetitive nature of examining anthropology 15 times in a semester does not inspire critical thought.

Core 350 is an examination of policymaking and contemporary issues. The course actively attempts to inspire critical thought about real world issues and brings up different perspectives effectively. With a foundation of memorization and regurgitation, how can students be expected to step up and think critically about concepts in Core 350?

For students who care, Core 350 begins to pull them toward being deeper thinkers about policy issues. However, it seems that most students can succeed by just going through the motions.

Both students and faculty on the Core teams must push through this cloud of apathy and strive to challenge one another.

"In the Loop," written by the editorial board, represents the editorial voice of The Whitworthian.



Courtesy of Sean Burke

Racial hatred unresolved



NATHAN HARRISON
Writer

With more than a million views on YouTube, it's a safe bet that by now everyone is familiar with the slur heard 'round the world – the camera phone footage of "Seinfeld" star Michael Richards blowing a fuse in the face of some hecklers at a Chicago comedy club last November. Grace under fire it isn't.

In the video distributed online, the scene opens with Richards already in meltdown, firing back with profanity and racial epithets at some off-camera black audience members who interrupted his show.

"A nigger! Look, there's a nigger!" he shouts, repeating the slur over and over to the audible shock of the audience. "What's the matter, is this too much for you to handle?" he asks sarcastically, as the silhouettes of leaving audience members obscure the frame.

One of the original hecklers shouts back throughout the video, repeatedly describing Richards' tirade as "uncalled for." Richards' response: "That's what happens when you interrupt the white man, don't you know?"

In the three weeks since the outburst, the fallout has been widespread. The Rev. Jesse Jackson and a number of other black leaders have called for the public to boycott the recent release of the seventh season of "Seinfeld" on DVD. Richards has been banned from performing at the Laugh Factory ever again, the club where the incident took place.

Richards' situation and quasi-apology bring to mind another recent example of celebrities letting loose with damaging remarks under pressure – Mel Gibson's anti-Semitic and sexist comments following his arrest for drunken driving.

In fact, Gibson has expressed solidarity with Richards, stating in an interview with Entertainment Weekly that he "felt like sending Michael Richards a note" and that Richards "was obviously in a state of stress."

To try to control the damage to his career, Richards made an unannounced appearance by satellite with the help of his friend Jerry Seinfeld on "The Late Show" with David Letterman soon after the incident attracted attention on the internet.

"You know, I'm a performer," he said during the interview with Letterman. "I push the envelope. I work in a very uncontrolled manner onstage. I do a lot of free association, it's spontaneous, I go into character."

Whether "going into character" was Richards' true motivation or not, black leaders like Rev. Al Sharpton, Jackson and others are seizing this moment to ask that entertainers everywhere – including rappers and other black performers – remove the word "nigger" from their vocabulary entirely.

When asked if "nigger" should be considered free speech, Jackson even went so far as to declare the term "unprotected."

The problem is pretending like the term doesn't exist won't make it go away, and only puts everyone at a disadvantage when confronting that truth. Consider media coverage of Richards' remarks: Many outlets have had to tap dance around the words at the heart of the issue with childish euphemisms like "the n-word."

For most, "nigger" is just as taboo as most racial slurs are today, especially in the mouths of those in the dominant white culture. When they do crop up, it's usually a fairly clear sign of deep-seated prejudice

– valuable knowledge when racist attitudes are buried deep. As it stands, epithets can at least serve the purpose of catching racists out in the open. Whether or not Richards is such a person is a matter of individual opinion.

Also at issue is the vitriolic nature of much modern stand-up comedy. Though many black comedians such as Eddie Murphy, Dave Chappelle and Chris Rock have

peppered their own acts with such language, as members of the culture being put down by language like "nigger," their work helps subvert the power those terms have.

But when a culture draws forth such bitter, hateful outbursts from a non-black performer who adamantly claims to not be racist, all for the sake of comedy, something is wrong. Suddenly, the situation seems more indicative of a society secretly looking to see its hidden prejudices spoken out loud, and less like one trying to laugh at its own shortcomings.

Ultimately, Richards has brought attention to the power of words polite society would like to forget, and shed light on the troubling reality that racist sentiments can hide even in those seemingly free of prejudice, only to manifest in a frenzy of negative emotion.

Both the explanations for Richards' behavior are troubling, but the one he gives is even more so. For if true, then he thought that adopting the attitude of those who helped foster 300 years of hate in this country could be played for laughs. And if it weren't for that camera phone, he probably would have gotten away with it.

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Is Whitworth harboring discrimination?

College failing by avoiding the issue



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Lately, homosexuality seems more important to Christians than saving peoples' souls. The issue has split up churches and caused rifts in denominations. On our campus, homosexuality has been the source of hot debates, hate crimes and smaller incidents of discrimination, and exclusion for people who identify as or are stereotyped as homosexual. It is no wonder that Whitworth does not want to take sides on the issue.

As an educational institution, though, Whitworth has no choice but to grapple with these tough issues and Washington law has pushed schools to look further into the issue by passing a law that requires public schools to include sexual orientation in their non-discrimination policies.

Whitworth should include sexual orientation in its anti-discrimination policy regardless of whether Whitworth agrees on issues of homosexuality. Doing so is equivalent to including religion in the policy (which it does) and does not mean that Whitworth considers homosexuality right. It is simply consistent with Whitworth's inclusiveness of a diversity of people — Christian and non-Christian, with many different backgrounds and lifestyles.

"We do not want to send a message that we discriminate under any circumstance," President Bill Robinson said in the most recent board report.

On Oct. 12, Whitworth's Board of Trustees delayed the decision of whether to include sexual orientation in its anti-discrimination policy, according to the October 17 article in the Whitworthian: "Board delays anti-discrimination decision." The decision will be made next spring.

Washington state law now includes protection from discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. This amend-

ment to the Washington Law against Discrimination became effective on June 7.

The legislation includes public educational institutions but excludes educational facilities "operated or maintained by a bona fide religious or sectarian institution."

Although it makes sense to exclude people from participating in a religious group that has rules they do not follow, that is no justification for discriminating against students at Whitworth for their sexual orientation.

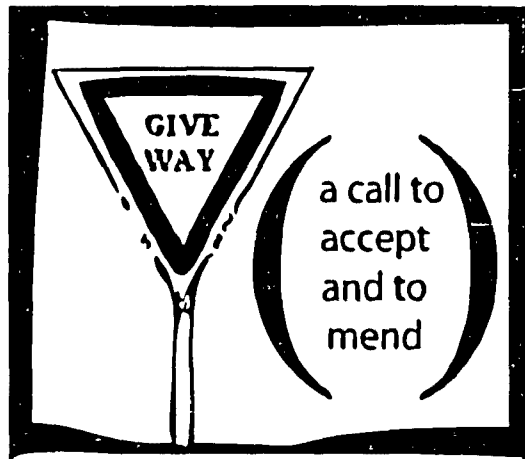
Whitworth's non-discrimination policy includes religion, so as Whitworth students we are not required to be Christian to be students at Whitworth. If we do not discriminate against non-Christians in general, why would we discriminate against homosexuals? Both groups are, according to many Christians, sinners. Either discriminate on the basis of both religion and sexual orientation, or do not discriminate based on either.

It is worth pointing out, though, that Christians are not in agreement about issues of sexual orientation. Even if we were to discriminate on the basis of religion (saying that people must act in compliance with Christian rules), not all Christians would agree that homosexuals are in sin.

In the report, Robinson says, "We have not taken institutional stands on issues about which committed Christians disagree."

Whether it is considered a sin or not, having an anti-discrimination policy is far from taking a definitive stance on whether homosexuality is right or wrong. It is simply saying that we will not use homosexuality as a basis for exclusion, just as including religion in our non-discrimination policy is not an endorsement of non-Christian religion.

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Kyle Pfug, Whitworthian

Whitworth students ignorant to the reality of homosexual culture



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Writer

Whitworth is the perfect place for a homosexual to hide. Whether man or woman, this college is a safe haven for those who can pretend to be a typical student — straight and Christian. Whitworth is the one place where no one would ever think that you were gay. That would just be RIDICULOUS. A man can be mysteriously effeminate, overwhelmingly so, and will not be questioned.

"I enjoy how blinded by Jesus Whitworth is that they cannot tell a gay person even if they came up and complimented their new highlights," senior Mike Nelson said.

Most students are not known for their welcoming arms when it comes to gay persons attending Whitworth — but why?

"It's hard because people think that we are living a life of sin, which we are not, btw," Nelson said. "The way we chose to live life is our own choice, not yours to judge. We don't go around campus telling people that they shouldn't wear their pajamas to class, or think that they can pull off Uggs, because we don't judge."

Nelson explained that many Whitworth

students just don't have the life experience to understand or deal with homosexual people.

I remember being absolutely shocked when I visited Seattle Pacific as a pre-frosh only to find that my host had never met a gay person before coming to college.

"I think that the problem is that the majority of Whitworth's students come from uncultured backgrounds, such as the Midwest, or Ellensburg, Wash," Nelson said. "This fact is exemplified when a student opens a conversation with, 'Well my dad says' ... There is a lot more to life than farming and Jesus."

A big part of the difficulties that homosexuals have at Whitworth is the struggle with the Christian faith and other Christians surrounding them. Whitworth is a religious institution, but such people who are different should not have to fear how they will be treated by others. Many students who attend the college are different to such a degree — non-Christians, minorities and more.

"And please don't hold 'prayer circles' for us; you can't pray it away. I didn't just wake up one morning and say 'I'd like to be gay. For the style, obvi,'" said Nelson.

FYI — nothing is worse than hearing that someone loves you, but just doesn't agree with your lifestyle. The key is to be supportive of a person, especially one of your friends, no matter what. Plus, the

whole "agreeing" part of that sentence is only ignorant and offensive. "Rachel, I love you but I just don't agree with the fact that you aren't taller." Thanks, really.

Christians tend to use three or four verses out of the entire Bible to condemn, or even persecute, homosexuals. Let's call it throwing the Bible at the back of someone's head. Didn't anyone watch "Saved"? I feel trapped in that sort of world where people believe that homosexuality is a "problem" to be "fixed." Using the Bible to mistreat people is not only contrary to the love Jesus advocated for all people, but ignorant.

We should obviously abide by everything the Bible says, such as burning a girl who loses her virginity out of wedlock (Leviticus 21:9) or stoning female adulterers (Deuteronomy 22:24), because we still practice everything the Bible says today. Especially those animal sacrifices. We still love those.

"Don't get me wrong, Jesus is great, and farming — well, farming gives a task to the hicks," Nelson said. "But open your eyes, there is a whole world out there filled with diversity; explore it, grasp it, love it. For more information, join 'The Gays' Facebook group. It's ab fab."

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WHATif...

LOOKING AT THE
WORLD FROM A
NEW PERSPECTIVE

The Titanic never crashed and sank

Justin Lindborg
Staff Writer

It has become a legend, a tale of the sea that never fails to inspire the imagination. The R.M.S. Titanic has been glorified and romanticized ever since the discovery of its remains two and a half miles beneath the ocean surface in 1985.

More recently the major motion picture "Titanic" has stirred the public to more contemplation of the romantic possibilities and historic merit of the 1912 naval disaster. While the characters of the 1997 Oscar-winning film are fictional, the love story they portray is classic and has sparked much new dialogue about the Titanic.

The death toll of the Titanic is impossible to pinpoint, but is estimated to be between 1,500 and 1,700 people. The magnitude of this disaster has, like many other catastrophic events in history, altered the modern world in a variety of ways.

What if the Titanic never sank? What if the crew had heeded the warnings of icebergs and proceeded unharmed? The ramifications would echo throughout the lives of those who would have lived.

Among those who were killed on April 14, 1912, were many of the most wealthy and powerful industrialists in the world at the turn-of-the-century. Their combined fortunes totaled over \$600 million. The effects that these people may have had on the civilized world could have been immense.

An example of a very prestigious casualty of the Titanic disaster is Isidor Straus, co-owner of the Macy's department store and a member of Congress. Another was businessman, writer and inventor Col. John Jacob Astor. Astor authored several science-fiction books and had an unbounded imagination that he applied especially to invention. If Astor, only 48-years-old when he went down with the Titanic, and Strauss had survived the incident, there is no telling what they would have done with the remainder of their lives.

What inventions might they have conceived? What books may they have written? What business ventures might they have engaged in, changing the dynamics of the economic world? What laws may have been written? There may be no way of knowing the ways these men and others like them could have changed the world had they survived.

The Titanic was the ultimate luxury ship, and in many ways was at the cutting edge of all the most advanced technology of the day. For her to sink was a huge blow, similar to the destruction of the space shuttle Challenger in 1986. If the Titanic had not sunk, the world would, perhaps, not be the same.

Nevertheless, the Titanic is a tribute to the fallibility of technology that continues to capture the imagination nearly a hundred years after its destruction.

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HUMOR COLUMN

Dreaming is to Freud as chocolate is to Wonka ...

Daniel Walters
Staff Writer

Sometimes, as I secretly watch you sleep, I wonder what's running through your head. What jolly absurdities are gallivanting through your dreams?

A *ferret*? Really? And why exactly was Loretta the Lunch Lady there?

Are dreams our soul's way of expressing its longing to skate through the stars, chase the rainbow, and skip through the verdant fields of imagination?

No. That's the stupidest thing I've ever heard.

But anyone who's ever had a dream can't help but ponder: What the crap? What did *that* mean?

Only one man knows the answer. I give you ... the sultan of sublimation, the prince of projection, the wizard of id, he puts the 'psycho' in the word psycho-therapy, please give an overcompensating welcome to Mr. Sigmund "The Siggster" Freud!

Sigmund Freud was a unique observer of the human condition, usually with binoculars hiding in the shrubbery. Freud was the first psychologist to explore the idea of the subconscious. Essentially, if a girl says she wants me to stop calling her, even if she *thinks* she wants me to stop calling her, *what* she really wants, deep down, is for me to call her more often. Freud not only practically invented psychotherapy, he also single-handedly pioneered the phrases "If you know what I mean," "That's what she said," and "Giggety Giggety."

(Also, from what I hear, Sigmund's Mom had it going on.)

The convenient thing about Freud's method of dream analysis is that, whatever the dream, there's only one interpretation:

"Hey, Doc. Had the craziest dream last night ... dreamt I was working in the field, you know, binding grain and what have you, when suddenly my sheaf stands up, blinks a couple times — all anthropomorphized and crap — and all my brothers' sheaves bow down to mine. Whaddya make of that?"

"Hee hee hee. Joe, you are one sick cat, you know that? I mean there's perverted and then there's *perverted*. How do you even *sleep* at night! Oh *that's right*, having twisted little grain fantasies. Now let's get back to talking about your sibling issues, daddy issues and penchant for garish clothing."

Some psychologists have other interpretations. They say dreams occur when the linguini noodles of our experiences covered in the marinara sauce of our thoughts and garnished by the parsley of our hopes, are flung by the Oscar of our subconscious onto the wallpaper of our psyche. That resulting muddled stain is our dream.

To use an even gooier analogy, experience is the manure that fertilizes your dreamscape. [Freud: "Heheh. He said fertilize."] The crappier the manure, the crappier the dream.

Most dreams and nightmares, however, revolve around six or seven plots recycled over and over again. It's like the sitcom "Friends," except interesting.

There are several dreams constantly syndicated in reruns.

There's the one where you're arguing articulately in front of the Supreme Court but in the back of your mind you can't help but feel that you've forgotten

something. Suddenly: *Oh yeah!* Your clothes! You forgot to put on clothes today! And all your friends are watching in the gallery, and your crush is the stenographer, and Ginsberg is shaking her head disapprovingly. How *embarrassing*!

Naked In Public, Parading Yourself (or "NIPPY") dreams are classic nightmares. (Or, if you're a Mac man, the BEST DREAM EVER!) Naturally, this nightmare expresses that deep-

seated fear that if people see that tattoo you got after having three tequilas too many down in that seedy dive in Guadalajara people might lose respect for you. And their lunch.

Then there's the one where you're in a nudist camp and you're horrified to discover you have clothes on.

Then there's the dream where you're taking the garbage out late at night and you hear a growling in the bushes and start to run, but you're trapped in slowmo, like a horrific Seahawks replay, but you've got to get the door, but you trip over a baby some idiot just left lying there, and try as you might you can't scramble away in time; you whip around to see Mark Foley lunge towards you and ...

... you wake up, dripping with sweat.

Then there's that one where you're a fireman, and you have to extinguish a raging inferno. But you really *really* have to pee. Nevertheless, you turn the full force of your firehose on the flames, soaking everything with it, spraying and spraying and spraying and ...

... you wake up dripping with ... well, not sweat ... let's just say that while your bed wasn't a water bed when you went to sleep, it is now. [Freud: If you know what I mean.]

Dreams aren't all jocular waterports, however. Sometimes the sugarplums dancing in your head are twenty feet tall and have snarling teeth the size of backhoe tines.

Nightmares are usually detectable by their obligatory cameo appearance by Freddy Krueger. Freddy, you see, still holds a wee bit of a grudge over all his flesh getting burnt off. Most dead people who die in fires take a live and let live approach towards their death, but not Freddy. Instead of dealing with his feelings in a constructive way, like writing his thoughts out in a journal, he dealt with them in a passive-aggressive way, by murdering children in their dreams. Freddy is equipped with a perniciously malevolent striped sweater his grandma gave him for Christmas, and a glove outfitted with razor sharp claws, that he uses to scratch that one part of his back that he can't *quite* reach. The only way to defeat Freddy Krueger is with love and kindness and obeying your parents.

The key to escaping nightmares is counter-intuitive. Once the Xlocklurian HorrorBeast's psionic crucifixion tentacles bore through your eyes and devour your brain, he gets bored and goes home to his family, and you wake up. Thus, the easiest way to wake up is to die. This might work for real life too, but I haven't tried it yet.

Either way, the sooner you escape your nightmare, the sooner you can return to your favorite dreams. Mine involves smoking a massive cigar.

[Freud: "Hehehe. That's dir- hey, wait a minute ...].



Islamaphobia claim one without merit

Recent rowdy incident on airplane stirs fear among the American public

GAVIN JAMIESON
Writer



There was an incident a week ago at a Minnesota airport when six imams, a type of Muslim leader, were booted off a flight before takeoff after they made other passengers nervous. This anxiety was prompted by the bizarre decision on the part of the imams to loudly carry out their prayers through the shouting of Islamic slogans and standing up while other passengers were being seated.

The decision on the part of the airline to remove these disruptive passengers has been criticized by several Islamic groups who believe the airliner is guilty of "Islamophobia" and have complained that the offended passengers are ignorant bigots. I would contend that these attentive passengers were right to feel threatened by the actions of these imams and that there was nothing wrong with their removal. The actions of the airliner in removing the passengers is comparable to the decision of a librarian to remove a patron who insists on screaming at textbooks. If a customer acts against the norm, they should be asked to leave a place of business no matter their culture.

The complaints about "Islamophobia" is a strange proposition on the part of Muslim advocacy

groups. Looking at the meaning of this recently created word, it looks like the advocacy groups are suggesting that people in America are afraid of Muslims. Well of course we are afraid of Muslims! An American who does not look at the long trail of atrocities by radical Muslims and feel a tinge of fear doesn't have their eyes open. It is argued that attacks on the civilized world are the actions of a fringe segment of the

Muslims population, but it is important to take into account what is seen when an observer looks upon what has happened in Europe. Europe has seen

a disturbing growth in their Muslim population that has arrived in a large part from former colonies. Along with this new population, the scourge of terrorism has spread across the European continent with train bombings in Spain and England, vicious daylight murders of critics of Islam in Denmark and sections of France that are overrun with sadistic immigrant youth who hide behind the excuse of discrimination as they torch thousands of cars. Americans are not fools. We don't want to end up with the same problems that Europe possesses because stubborn Muslims refuse to march into the melting pot.

It is important to understand the motivations of the imams on the flight in Minnesota. Observers noted that the imams were not merely praying silently in their seats but

instead they had moved from their assigned places to two seats in the front of the airplane, two in the middle and two in the rear of the airplane. This arrangement has been noted by air marshals to be common in hijacking attempts, and the imams should have known better especially in consideration of the higher security concerns for the actions of Muslim passengers in the wake of the 9/11 attacks.

The imams demands for publicity in the wake of the incident has led to accusations that the removal from the plane was a publicity stunt intended to show that airlines and passengers aren't willing to tolerate outlandish behavior. Well, I hope they aren't. If there had been a similar assortment of alert passengers on each of the flights on 9/11 instead of just the heroes of United 93 then the world would be a different place.

Americans are an accommodating people, but we have limits. When a foreign culture threatens death and has a long history of conflict with Christians and Jews, then I don't think that it unwise to think twice about accommodating their beliefs. Keeping a closer eye on the actions of Muslims on airplanes is a reasonable step and is necessary for the safety of the general public. Americans should never have to give up their sense of safety out of fear of offending a pack of loud fanatics.

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Give a gift with meaning

"When someone buys a token Christmas present that is given for the sake of giving, the age-old excuse of 'It's the thought that counts,' rears its ugly head."



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Approaching Christmas gift giving is a difficult proposition for me. As I have gotten older (and become a poor college student) the gifts I have come to appreciate are the socks and underwear rather than that special edition box set of the Star Wars Trilogy. I have found that the gifts I like are useful in my day-to-day life rather than a novelty that sits on my dresser gathering dust.

Group has excellent Christmas solution

Considering all this, I am frustrated by the tradition to give something to every last relative, mainly because of the financial obligation that goes hand-in-hand with gift giving. There is a direct correlation between your budget and the quality of the gift you give. Many times, although thoughtful, gifts we give to individuals will be thrown in the back of the hall closet or stuffed underneath a bed. We end up giving things to people because it is important that they know we are thinking about them at Christmas time.

When someone buys a token Christmas present that is given for the sake of giving, the age-old excuse of "It's the thought that counts" rears its ugly head. Yes, it is the thought that counts, but why buy a "stuff" present when the only thing that counts is the thought itself?

So this begs the question: What kind of gift do you give to the person who has everything?

Partners International is a Christian organization which partners with 105 indigenous ministries in 59 countries around the world. The organization uses

holistic methods of service, proclamation and reaching out to women and children to encourage growth of Christian communities around the world.

At Christmas time, Partners has a program called "Harvest of Hope" which allows me, for example, to buy a gift that will benefit a community in need. The catch is, Partners allows me to give the gift in the name of someone else. They

set it up so that when you order a goat for a community in India in the name of your relative, they will send you a certificate for you to put in a Christmas card saying that the goat was given in your relatives' name.

A couple of examples I found while browsing the Web

site were: a piglet for a poor family in China for \$35, a month's worth of food for a family in Iran for \$15, tutoring for an Iraqi teenage girl for \$50, a bible in Arabic for \$9, clean water for a family in North Africa for \$50 and education for a child in Sudan for \$9 per month. There are also bigger gifts like building a well or a hospital which cost hundreds or thousands of dollars.

These gifts are about helping people in other countries. This is even a good option for people who are not Christians because Partners is a credible organization which truly provides hope to people in dire situations.

The gift that helps someone in need is the perfect thing to give an individual, or a family that seems to have everything. There are three positives that come from giving a gift that helps someone in need.

The first is that you, the giver, feel great about giving something meaning-

ful that will not show up in next July's garage sale. Second, the person or family receiving the gift knows that you thought of them and they also feel they are part of something bigger than themselves. There is no way that they can feel disappointed with their third copy of Scategories if you have given a goat to a poor family in their name.

Lastly, although it is impossible to know the exact impact the gift will have, this is a way that Americans can actually reach out and help countries ravaged by war or famine without writing letters to their senator. This is a tangible, individual gift that will go directly to the project that you intend it to.

If you are interested in giving a Harvest of Hope gift, visit the Partners International sponsored Web site at www.harvestofhope.org and select the gift that best fits in your budget this year. Make sure to order by Dec. 15 if you want to guarantee that a certificate will be mailed to you in time to put it in a Christmas card.

Christmas has become a very selfish, consumer-driven, gift-centric holiday and a gift that gives to someone who is actually in need is valuable in so many ways. Giving gifts to each other is still important, yet when confronted with the extreme poverty in the world, sometimes it is important to consider people outside of your normal scope of activity. This Christmas is the perfect opportunity to do that.

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By the NUMBERS

Black Friday facts and figures

\$360.15

Shoppers spent an average of \$360.15 the weekend after Thanksgiving. This total is up 18.9 percent from last years \$301.81 per shopper.

140 million

One hundred and forty million shoppers hit the stores over Thanksgiving weekend.

36 percent

More than 36 percent of shoppers got to their first shopping destination before dawn (6 a.m.) on the Friday morning after Thanksgiving.

17 percent

More than 17 percent of male shoppers arrived at their first destination to wait in line before four a.m.

38 percent

Male shoppers outspent their female counterparts by 38 percent mainly due to purchasing consumer electronics, books and CDs.

\$420.37

Men spent an average of \$420.37 on purchases over Thanksgiving weekend.

\$8.9 billion

Shoppers spent an estimated total of \$8.9 billion on black Friday alone.

1 in 12

Only one in 12 consumers said they had completely finished their holiday shopping by the end of the weekend.

1 in 4

One in four shoppers took advantage of retailers Web-only specials over Thanksgiving weekend.

Compiled by Peter Burke
Information courtesy of www.nrf.com

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: "Borat"

'Borat' enforces moral values

In the November 21, 2006, edition of The Whitworthian, Peter Burke wrote about the Borat movie; he formed a completely different conclusion about the movie than mine. Like Mr. Burke I had not planned on seeing "Borat." I find one or two Borat skits in comedian Sacha Baron Cohen's HBO series "Da Ali G Show" funny, but I was certain that 84 minutes of non-stop Borat would be hard to bear. In large part I was right.

I winced and cringed but, like Mr. Burke, I was drawn to keep watching. Most of the time Borat was as cruel as a bullfight, but as Stephanie Zacharek in Salon.com observed, "Great humor is often cruel." Although I was frequently offended by the character Borat's crass antics, the movie compelled discussion and thought, something that, under no circumstance can be said of the last blockbuster comedy - "Talledega Nights."

The conclusion formed by Mr. Burke was that Borat was obscene: "Laughing for the sake of laughing is usually good, but at the sacrifice of my moral values, I do not think it is appropriate." I disagree. God bless America because in Russia, Borat just became the first film banned since the fall of communism.

Sacha Baron Cohen an unashamed British Jew who spent a year in an Israeli kibbutz is confronted with the dilemma facing most comics. How do you amplify the absurdity of

something to make comedy without appearing to promote what you're trying to condemn? Cohen's message in the Borat movie is articulated clearly by Shmulay Boteach an Orthodox rabbi and host of "Shalom on the home" a syndicated TV show. "If you are anti-semitic you are probably a backward, knuckle dragging misogynist." I would include all forms of bigotry, not just anti-semitism.

In the movie we see an old man, who looks like any rural Eastern Washington farmer. When Borat asks him, the old man agrees that all gays should be chased from town or killed. We are instantly confronted with our own homophobia, our society's homophobia or both. Homophobia is the point of that segment of the film, not that Cohen's Borat "offends rednecks at a rodeo by singing a bizarre national anthem." When Cohen mocks "some sex-craving [drunken] frat boys" don't miss the part where Borat asks them if they own slaves. One replies with sincerity "I wish!" When Borat enters a gun store, ignore Borat's own anti-semitic comments and listen to the shop owner who gleefully offers recommendations on the best weapon for shooting Jews.

Was Borat at times a challenge to endure? Sure. However in seeing the movie my "moral values" were not "sacrificed," they were reinforced. It was a good reminder that bigotry in our nation, when it is buried at all, is not buried very deep. Borat brought these subjects into the light and prompted thought and debate just like most good art.

Daryl A. Rodrigues
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2007

Re: "Core 150 revision"

Recent changes produce results

In response to the November 14, 2006 article entitled "Students struggle with Core revisions": It might interest the campus community to know that the recent changes made to the Core 150 exam process were made partly in response to student feedback we received on course evaluations from previous semesters. It might also interest the campus community to know that the average score for Exam III - administered a few days before the article appeared in The Whitworthian - was higher than the same exam last fall. While the average exam score for Exam III in the fall of 2005 was 84.74 percent, the average score this fall was 89.16 percent. Apparently students aren't struggling as much with the Core 150 revisions as many had supposed. Perhaps the recent changes are producing better results.

Dr. Keith Beebe
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Chair, Core 150 Program

Whitworth College faculty and the rising trend of INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION

Julie Wootton
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Many people hoping to adopt children face a number of challenges. However, several Whitworth professors have overcome these obstacles and adopted children from countries all around the world.

Ginny Whitehouse

Not only does Ginny Whitehouse, associate professor of communication studies, have two adopted children, but she is also the coordinator of the Spokane branch of Families with Children from China (F.C.C.), which includes 250 families who have adopted children from China.

Whitehouse adopted Kaili from Guijing, Guangxi in 2001. Kaili is now 6-years-old. Whitehouse also adopted Marie, who is now 2 and a half-years-old, from XiuShan, Chongqing. Both of her adopted children were about one-year-old at the time of their adoptions.

Whitehouse adopted Kaili and Marie through Dillon International.

CHINA



7,906

number of children adopted by U.S. citizens in 2005

573,000+

estimated number of orphans in China

Information courtesy of adoption.com and China's Ministry of Civil Affairs

"My sister, who is also a single mom, adopted at the same time," Whitehouse said. "It is an important thing for us because we have nieces who are the same age."

Whitehouse said that the timelines for adoption vary depending on the country and the year. It took about six months to process the paperwork for adoption in the United States and then up to a year to process the paperwork in China, Whitehouse said.

"When you are a waiting parent, it is hell to wait that long," Whitehouse said.

The first step is to pick a country that you would like to adopt a child from and

then an agency.

"Each country has different specifications for adoption," Whitehouse said. "China was the best option internationally for single parents at that time."

Whitehouse said that the reason why there are more girls than boys up for international adoption in China is complex.

"In rural areas, poverty is very intense and children, particularly boys, are expected to support the parents and grandparents," Whitehouse said. "The one child policy or two-child policy in rural areas means some parents feel forced to make choices concerning their girls."

"I also had to submit a letter saying that I am straight (not gay) to meet the requirement by the Chinese government," Whitehouse said.

Whitehouse said that it takes about six months to process the paperwork for adoption with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

"After the paperwork is processed, the documents sit in China in the verification room," Whitehouse said. "Then the paperwork goes to the matching room before you get matched with an orphanage."

A Chinese government agency processes the paperwork and tries to match the adoptive parents with



Note: Photo: Whitworthian

Whitehouse's youngest adopted daughter, Marie, plays with blocks in their home last Thursday.

the children in terms of physical similarities and resemblances, Whitehouse said.

"Marie has dimples like I do, which was probably why we were matched," Whitehouse said.

After Whitehouse was matched with her adoptive children, she had to wait for the adoption agency to send information and a photograph of her adoptive child.

Whitehouse received a phone call from the adoption agency with information about Kaili that had been sent over from China.

While still waiting for the picture to be e-mailed, Whitehouse came to work early in the morning and was in class.

"I pulled up an e-mail in front of the class with a picture of Kaili and my class erupted in excitement," Whitehouse said. "My class was seeing her for the first time along with me. The whole library heard the noise and people came from all corners of the library to see what was going on."

Whitehouse received the phone call about Marie while she was at home with Kaili.

"I had already picked a name, Annelise, but when I looked at the picture, she didn't look like an Annelise," Whitehouse said. "Kaili wanted to name her either Mary or Marie, so I picked out Marie as her name."

Legalities

According to adoption.com, which provides online resources to help facilitate in the adoption process, "Adoption is a legal process that creates a new, permanent parent-child relationship where one didn't exist before. The adoption proceedings take place in court before a judge." During a court finalization hearing, a judge evaluates reports and other evaluations about the adopting parents, biological parents and the child. Before the adoptive parents can legally adopt, the judge must determine that the biological parents have either voluntarily given up their parental rights or that these rights have been suspended by the court. Sometimes the judge suspends parental rights of the biological parents and grants parental rights to adoptive parents at the same time. An adoption decree is issued if the judge approves of and finalizes the adoption. In an international adoption, the adoptive parents must meet both U.S. requirements and the other country's requirements for adoption.

Expenses

According to adoption.com, adoptions can be expensive. Sometimes adoptive parents are required not only to pay for their own legal representation, but for representation for the birth parents as well. Often times, if an arrangement with a birth parent falls through, the adoptive parents are not reimbursed. It generally costs between \$8,000 and \$30,000 to adopt, but if people chose to adopt without going through an organization, it can cost an additional \$5,000 for advertising to find birthparents.

Countries

According to the count, 7,906 children were adopted by Russian, Ukrainian, and Chinese. The adoption policy of the United States in China, 2000, Chinese children, Korea has a program i

What does
INTERNATIONAL
ADOPTION
involve?



Whitehouse and adopted daughters Marie (top) and Kaili (bottom) pose and play together last Thursday. Both daughters were separately adopted from China when each was one of many Whitworth faculty to adopt children from outside the United States.

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Robert Clark

While many adoptive parents adopt infants, Robert Clark, professor of sociology, adopted a 7-year old.

In November 1987, Clark picked up his adoptive son David Yung Chul from the Sea-Tac airport. Clark named his son David and used his child's Korean generational name as his middle name.

David is currently 25-years-old and works in South Korea teaching English as a second language for a year in the town where his orphanage is.

"He is kind of like a local celebrity," Clark said.

David plans to come back to the United States next August and possibly get his master's degree in teaching English as a second language.

Clark and his wife Chris started the adoption process in Massachusetts and did a homestudy and took culture classes before moving to Spokane.

Once the Clarks moved to Spokane and settled in one of the duplexes across from the football field, they picked up the adoption process through WACAP (World Association for Children and Parents) and participated in another homestudy program.

"The first step is expressing interest and contacting an agency," Clark said. "After completing the paperwork, you do a homestudy where a social worker usually comes to your home and conducts interviews, takes pictures, get references and does an extensive study about your parenting abilities."

Clark said one of most difficult parts about adopting was indicating what sex they wanted to adopt. Since they have a biological daughter, Amy, they indicated that they wanted a male and that they were willing to have an older child.

"There were questions such as about accepting a sibling group and about what kind of physical deformities we would be willing to accept," Clark said. "We had to check off what we would accept, which was difficult to do."

Before the adoption process was complete, Clark met with other adoptive parents, went to Korean culture camps and learned about Korean history, food and culture.

Once their adoptive child had been identi-



Photos courtesy of Robert Clark

David and Robert Clark pose at a restaurant above. David was adopted from South Korea at age 7. The photo to the left was David's intake photo when he was found abandoned in a hotel room at age 5. David is now 25.



fied, Clark received basic information and two small pictures of him. About six weeks later, they picked up David at the Sea-Tac airport.

"David traveled with an escort from Seoul to Japan to the U.S.," Clark said. "It was a powerful meeting. My sister and her husband, who is Presbyterian pastor just north of Seattle, were there with their Korean infant who they had adopted as an infant years earlier."

Clark said that adopting an older child was perhaps more challenging than adopting an infant, because David had already experienced pain and confusion.

"When he was five-years-old, he was abandoned in a public place, which is a customary way of abandoning a child in South Korea," Clark said. "He lived in an orphanage for 2 years after that. He was aware of what happened, so it was a different process than with an infant."

Clark started David in kindergarten in the

spring, even though David had finished first grade in Korea.

"He didn't talk at all while he was learning English except to his kindergarten teacher after class," Clark said.

Clark said that there were other challenges for David including learning to eat different types to food and learning to sleep in a bed, because he was used to sleeping on a mat on a heated floor.

"It was hard to see him treated poorly by kids because he was different," Clark said.

But overall, Clark said that adopting was a wonderful experience.

"We traveled with David to Korea when he was 17 and in Spokane we got connected with the Korean Presbyterian Church and many Korean friends," Clark said. "I would have never seen this kind of stuff if I hadn't adopted - adopting has enriched our lives."

S. KOREA



1,630
number of children adopted
by U.S. citizens in 2005
29,926
number of orphans South
Korea produced in 2005

Information courtesy of adoption.com and The Seoul Times

Keith Wyma

Exciting times await Keith Wyma and his wife Tanya as they are in the final stages of the adoption process through Christian World Adoption to adopt twin infant girls from Ethiopia, who were born on Sept. 10.

Wyma requested two children in the range of 0-3 years old.

"We certainly didn't expect twins, so we're both surprised and excited about that," Wyma said.



WYMA

The girls' father is no longer alive and their mother is living, but unable to take care of the girls.

"The mother gave them up for adoption within the first month of life - a loving, but very difficult decision," Wyma said. "We pray for the birthmom as well as for the girls, because she faces such a hard time now too."

Wyma and his wife currently have two biological children, Ian and Colin, and were considering having more children but decided they should adopt.

Wyma said that he was deeply influenced by an article he read in a Christian magazine about the high number of orphans in Africa due to AIDS and wars.

"The article said how the Western church responded to this need would be what defines Western Christianity in the 21st century," Wyma said. "I felt a sense of conviction that God wanted me to act on this and that the way I could best do this would be to adopt. My wife and I talked and prayed about it for some time and decided to move forward."

Wyma said he has found the adoption process to be dif-

ficult and that there are a number of obstacles from the United States, such as the Department of Homeland Security, the Ethiopian government and from their adoption agency.

"We had to prepare a dossier of documents covering everything from employment to health records to statements of intent, each of which had to be separately notarized or even sealed by the state," Wyma said.

Wyma said that the cost and the number of obstacles may restrict the number of adoptions.

"The sheer number and cost of those hoops is pretty daunting, and could easily be prohibitive," Wyma said. "Given the number of children in need, I wonder: Is this process too hard? Are we keeping kids from otherwise being adopted?"

Wyma said the cost of adoption has reached into the thousands of dollars.

"We couldn't have completed the process, if we hadn't engaged in fundraising through a local non-profit adoption-assistance organization called Kingdom Kids," Wyma said. "In fact, a number of people from around the Whitworth community have aided us in this, for which we are profoundly grateful."

Wyma said that they chose to adopt from Ethiopia because of its good reputation of carrying out adoption policies smoothly.

In just two weeks, parental rights will legally be transferred to Wyma and his wife. A month after that, Wyma will be traveling to

Ethiopia to pick up his adoptive daughters.

"Most of the adoption experience still lies ahead of us," Wyma said. "On the one hand, adopting parents are being given a child; a human being is placed in their sole care. That's a huge responsibility, and we owe it to the child to make sure, as best we can, that the placement will go well."

ETHIOPIA



441
number of children
adopted by U.S.
citizens in 2005

4.6 million
estimated number of
orphans in Ethiopia

Information courtesy of
adoption.com and UNICEF

ADOPTION Statistics

6 out of 10

adults say that they,
a family member or a
close friend had either
adopted, been adopted
or put a child up for
adoption

Information courtesy of 1997
study by the Evan B. Donaldson
Adoption Institute

25 percent

of birth mothers who
put their children up
for adoption are under
20-years-old

90 percent

of biological parents
meet the adoptive
parents

Information courtesy of Nov. 28
article in the Philadelphia Inquirer
entitled "Study: Adoption Statistics
Surprising"

WEB EXCLUSIVE CONTENT

To read the adoption
stories of professors
James Hunt and
Arlin Migliazzo, visit:
www.whitworthian.com

Country

According to the U.S. State Department, the country with the largest number of children adopted by U.S. citizens is China, with 7,906 children adopted in 2005, followed by Russia, Guatemala, South Korea and Ukraine. One of the services provided by adoption.com is information about adoption policies in different countries. Some of the most stable adoption programs are in China, Russia and South Korea. Since 2000, China has had the largest number of children adopted by U.S. citizens. South Korea has the oldest international adoption program in the United States.

Restrictions

Adoption programs in some countries such as Moldova, Belarus, Cambodia and El Salvador have been suspended temporarily while new legislature and adoption policies are being considered or because of political issues. Moldova closed its adoption program in 2001 and reopened the program in 2005, causing delays in the time it takes to adopt a child from Moldova. Some countries greatly restrict the number of international adoptions or only accept adoptions through a few agencies such as in Uganda, Marshall Islands, Albania, Ethiopia and Bolivia. The U.S. State Department has issued travel warnings in countries including Nepal, Colombia and Haiti for reasons such as terrorism and narcotic-related terrorism. These travel warnings affect many adoptive parents visiting a child and his or her biological parents before the adoption.

Requirements

There are various other requirements for adoption in some countries. Adoptive parents are required to have a psychological evaluation before adopting in countries such as Brazil and Nicaragua. There are also differences in the ages and health conditions of children who are up for adoption that people who are looking to adopt should be aware of. In many countries, including Mexico and Armenia, preference is given to adoptive parents of the same descent as the child. Additionally, in Romania international adoptions are prohibited except by a close relative. In Argentina, only U.S. citizens who permanently reside in Argentina can adopt. In Costa Rica, U.S. citizens must have legal residence in Costa Rica or dual citizenship in order to adopt. In order to adopt in Armenia, adoptive parents must promise to maintain the child's cultural heritage in addition to submitting a letter of recommendation from a church leader.



Nate Chute Whitworthian

pose and play together in Whitehouse's home when each was one-year-old. Whitehouse is nited States.

Fantasy light cruises

"Journey to the North Pole" boat tours to see holiday lights on Lake Coeur d'Alene
Daily @ 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.
The Coeur d'Alene Resort



Sophomore Alex Smith and freshman Kathleen Puhlman rehearse a scene from "The Anniversary" by Anton Chekov. This one act was directed and adapted by senior Ben White and was performed yesterday.



One acts take Stage II

Dec. 4-9 at 7 p.m.
Free admission

Monday
The Anniversary
English Made Simple
Bed and Breakfast
Little Prison

Tuesday
Motherlove
Impromptu
Variations on the Death
of Trotsky
Wheelchair Blues

Wednesday
The Tragical History of
the Life and Death of
Doctor Faustus: A Comedy
Loyalties
Can Can
The Still Alarm

Thursday
Trifles
Tender Offer
Double Take
The Scheme of the
Driftless Shifter

Friday
Something to Find
The Actor's Nightmare
The First Mrs. Paris
Joe and Stew's Theatre of
Brotherly Love and
Financial Success

Students direct one acts

Joy Bacon
Scene editor

When junior Karla Rose sat down to choose a play to direct for the annual Festival of One Acts, she was attracted to a script that presented emotional issues facing two characters the morning after sex.

However, this seemingly controversial topic wasn't the reason for Rose's decision to direct the play.

"I was first attracted to the emotional connection and that's what's emphasized, the sex is just implied," Rose said. "It's applicable to everyone because at times we've all been too afraid to reach out when we need to."

The play, entitled "Double Take," features seniors Laura Richardson and Noree Johnson, junior Josh Sawtell and freshman John Kuhn. It was written by K.M. Chopin.

Although some of the acts focus on heavy topics or include profanity, professor of theatre Rick Hornor said the students used their own judgment as to why the play deserved production.

"Our mission is to challenge our students

to think about Christian theater," Hornor said. "We try to talk about how our world-views influence the role of the artist and what that artist should do."

Students in Hornor's directing class put together the 20-minute productions from start to finish. They were responsible for choosing a script, casting the show and pulling together costumes, lighting and sets.

"[The students] get one 20-minute shot at fame," Hornor said. "They put together a production they can be proud of."

Over 60 students showed up for the cattle-call auditions, many of whom were not theatre majors. As is true with many theater projects, the female auditioners greatly outnumbered the male students.

"I was expecting the casting process to be easier," Rose said. "It was a lot more nerve-racking than I thought it would be."

Most of the productions are contemporary pieces. However, some students chose to adapt more classical works or use a specific act from a longer production.

Rose, in addition to directing her own production, wrote one of the plays being per-

formed this year. The play, entitled "Something to Find," deals with two characters who meet at a bus stop.

"It's about the connections people try to make, and how they discover what brings people together," Rose said.

Senior Elizabeth Eads chose to direct Rose's work after Rose made an announcement in the class offering the script to the other students. Rose said she was not allowed to direct her own work because the directing project focused on interpreting a play without knowing the author's intentions.

Rose has been happy with Eads' direction of the work.

"Lizzy found a lot of stuff I hadn't intentionally put in the script," Rose said. "It's been great to see the actors on stage, before the characters were just something inside my head."

Hornor encouraged students to attend the week-long festival.

"The experience of theater is such a communal experience, and so intimate, especially [in Stage II]," Hornor said. "It's a great way to support your peers and see the product of weeks and hours and hours of work."

Club presents film in observation of World AIDS Day

Dani King
Staff writer

To bring awareness to the global epidemic of HIV/AIDS, Whitworth's Acting on AIDS club showed the film "A Closer Walk" on World AIDS Day last Friday. About 25 students attended the showing.

The film addressed HIV/AIDS in Africa, Central Europe, India and the United States. Today, Acting on AIDS is hosting a speaker from the Spokane Health District to talk about the AIDS community that exists in Spokane.

President of the Acting on AIDS club, senior Rebekah Miner, said that there are common misconceptions about AIDS.

"People tend to think that we have it under control and that everybody's getting treatment who needs it," Miner said. "People also are confused about who has AIDS. Most people think of a homosexual male as being most at risk when really the black female is."

Students were initially shocked by the film's opening scene in which a small, disturbingly frail African child lay on a hospital bed on the brink of death. The film gave testimonies of people's encounters with AIDS from around

the world from a gay man in the United States who had been severely persecuted and considered "sub-human" to the stories of orphans in Africa and India.

"The problem isn't anything like food scarcity or lack of resources; it's wrong distribution," said junior Leah Robin co-chairman of the Acting on AIDS club. "The reality is that there are enough resources to fight the disease; it is possible."

The documentary also mentions Paul Farmer, who is known from the book "Mountains Beyond Mountains." Dr. Farmer, who treated people in Haiti, is an example of doing what the world's health establishments said could not be done.

Farmer showed that it is possible to help people and see real results despite cost effectiveness.

Other co-chairmen of the Acting on AIDS club are juniors Julie Foran and Allyn Krzymowski who commented on the abilities of the Whitworth student body to have a real impact on the global fight against HIV/AIDS.

"Whitworth students are very aware and informed about AIDS; it's just that people are paralyzed in terms of social justice. They don't know exactly what they can do to help. We want to inspire action," Foran said.

Krzymowski agreed that AIDS is a global issue for students to act on.

"People should realize that it's not just Africa where AIDS is; it's wherever poor people are. Contact government representatives in the effort to send money to these places," Krzymowski said.

"A Closer Walk" also featured the story of a girl from Uganda named Olivia who was forced to quit school in order to care for her mother who was dying of AIDS. No relatives would help Olivia for fear of somehow contracting the disease themselves.

Olivia eventually joined an AIDS support organization in Uganda and because of her inspiring sacrifice, became a spokesperson for AIDS awareness and even spoke



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PlayStation 3 pays off

Students unload PS3s for \$600 profit

Lucas Beechnor
Staff writer

The PlayStation 3 has finally launched and fans everywhere are eagerly shelling out \$500 (and even \$600 for a nicer version) just to get their hands on a shiny new system and no doubt spend hundreds more on games and accessories this holiday season.

Four economics majors from Whitworth were able to each purchase their own PS3s on launch day, Nov. 17, after spending two frigid days in the rain and cold in a tent outside Best Buy on Newport Highway. Juniors Sam Peach, Lewis Turner and Mark Anderson and senior Danny Belko walked away with four of only 400,000 PS3s initially released in the United States that day. These four, however, never spent a dime on any game or accessory after their purchase. Instead, each one registered his unit on eBay in an attempt to resell the system for a higher price and turn a profit, which seems to have become a trend with the release of every new gaming system since the launch of the Xbox 360 last fall.

"We were totally in it for the money," said Turner, who went straight home and registered his PS3 on eBay as soon as he could. "None of us bought one to play it."

The long wait was certainly worth the \$1275 he was able to sell it for, Turner claimed, who turned nearly a \$600 profit.

Turner recounted the long camp-out with

his fellow students who took turns to take a short break or go to the bathroom. For food, they took turns running to Panda Express or ordering pizza. At night, Turner said the line of waiting customers turned into a party. Some brought a little alcohol, or just listened to music and stood around and talked about how anxious they were to get a PS3, or how anxious they were to resell it.

The group also encountered some strange people in line who were also waiting to get a PS3. One man two spots ahead of them in line randomly yelled at people walking by or at other things that caught his attention.

"There were some interesting people out there," Anderson said.

Turner said that most of the people, however, were not so bad.

"We had people come by and call us nerds, but all we wanted was the money," said Turner, who waited outside with his friends from 2:30 p.m. Wednesday until the store opened 8 a.m. Friday. Lewis said he only had to skip one class and was able to make it to his soccer game in time.

"I actually did my homework right there on the curb," Turner said.

Peach remembers waking up Friday morning at 6:30 a.m. before the system was released.

"The tent was covered in ice," Peach said.

Peach, who has never owned a gaming system in his life, sold his unit for \$1100 on eBay, nearly doubling his money.

Anderson was the only one in the group not yet able to sell his PS3. He said the reason comes mostly from the fact that he waited too long to list it on eBay. He was not able to list it until 2 p.m. Friday. By 7 p.m., Anderson said that there were over 30,000 units already listed

PS3 hits the market

400,000 systems released

2 configurations available

20 GB suggested retail \$499

60 GB suggested retail \$599

1.2 million units scheduled for release through December

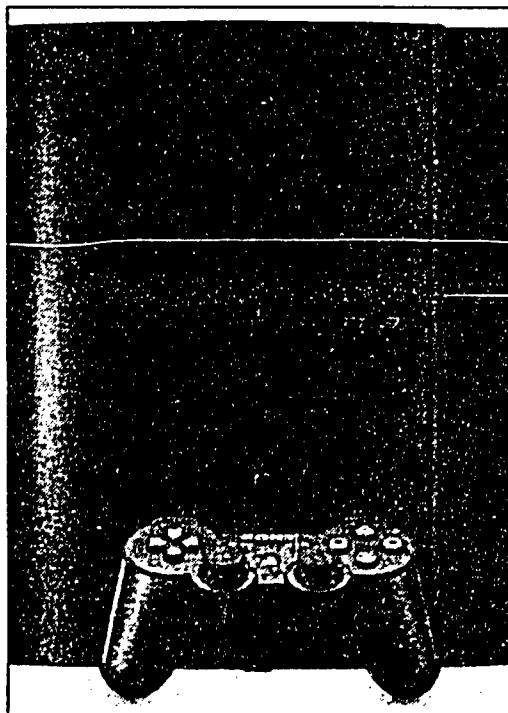


Photo courtesy of www.playstation.dk/

and being bid on.

"I guarantee everyone who bought one that day went home and put it on eBay," Anderson said. Anderson re-listed his PS3 on the site several times with no success of selling. He is thinking about keeping his PS3 if he can't sell it soon.

The profits made by Lewis and his friends might seem small in comparison to what many other PS3s were sold for. Those who were fortunate enough to list their systems early were able to sell for as high as \$15,000. For a while it was not uncommon to see PS3s listed above \$5,000. About 1.2 million units are scheduled for release in the United States throughout December.

Freshman volunteers for ski patrol

Patroller must ski runs daily, respond to emergencies

Kelly MacDonald
Staff writer

Skiers and snowboarders fly down the mountain runs, weaving in and out of others like them, the snow and fog obscuring their view. Adrenaline spurs them forward, careening them down the hill.

But for many, the euphoria can quickly end when one skier or boarder goes too fast, loses control and ends up injured on the mountain. It is the ski patrol who must attend to the injured on a snow hill in any condition, the ski patrol who must transport a victim in a toboggan down runs. Freshman Phil Dawson is one such ski patroller.

Dawson began skiing as a six-year-old. He then began to find his purpose on the mountain. After watching his father, Mike Dawson, become a ski patroller at 49° North Ski Resort Phil decided that he too wanted to help the injured. Phil took and completed the Outdoor Emergency Course allowing him to be a member of the National Ski Patrol after on-hill training. He began volunteering at 16 and has continued to volunteer

each season there after.

"I like to help people," Dawson said about his job. "I don't know how to explain it. I feel rewarded."

Dawson won the Pacific Northwest Division Student Patroller of the year last season and is in the running for the National Student Patroller of the Year. The results will be available after the end of this season.

Over the years, Dawson has encountered many obstacles on the mountain. He and his fellow patrollers must ski the runs daily before the public are allowed to enter to make sure the conditions are safe; they must mend cut lines, help clear runs or even set up races. However, there is more to being a patroller than maintenance.

When someone is hurt patrollers are the first responders on the mountain. They assess the situation and correctly identify the problem in order to keep the victim stable. Then they must transport the victim down the mountain in a toboggan to the treatment center.

In one such incidence a person was ejected from a chair lift and was unconscious in the snow. It was Dawson who assisted with the treatment of the injured.

This medical knowledge of techniques used as a first responder led Dawson to the medical field. He plans to major in athletic training.

"It was the start of my career. I'm going into the medical field,"

Dawson said. "I'm passionate about this."

As a volunteer Dawson receives no compensation for his work. He must work at least 16 days a season while maintaining a full schedule at Whitworth, but he works far more days than that.

A friend of Dawson, freshman Travis Tully, is an avid snowboarder who witnessed Dawson attend to a call.

"He was really professional about it," Tully said. "There's a lot of people who don't know what they are doing. There's a definite need for the ski patrol. I think it's cool he's making the mountain safer."

Dawson must be ready for a 8:30 a.m. team meeting each day he works at the base of the mountain. He leaves about a half an hour after the chair lift stops. The conditions may be harsh but he endures them.

"I have to be able to ski any run in almost any condition," Dawson said.

What Dawson likes most about his work is helping people in need and learning.

"I've learned how to help people and I can apply it on and off the hill," he said. "I've learned how to communicate with people. What to say, and what not to say."

He said the people he helps are very thankful.

"They are surprised when they don't have to pay anything," Dawson said. The victims are treated free of charge.

Phil has also begun teaching all that he has learned by becoming an Outdoor Emergency Course Instructor.

Dawson also became an exam-



Photo courtesy of Phillip Dawson

Freshman Phillip Dawson stands with his snowboard during a recent day on the mountain. Dawson volunteers as a ski patroller at 49° North Ski Resort.

ple for his sister who has now begun to train to be a ski patroller.

Dawson loves to help people but he also does not mind that it gives him a chance to do what he loves best, snowboarding.

"It gives you such a rush. But it also can really calm you down," Dawson said.

Most importantly however, is his commitment to maintaining the safety of the mountain he serves.

"My job as a ski patroller is to make the mountain a safe and happy place for the public," Dawson said.

City LIFE

Pillar coming to Service Station this Sunday

Pillar will be performing this Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Service Station. The Christian rock band recently released their fourth album, "The Reckoning," and compares their sound to bands such as Slipknot and Lynard Skynard. Also performing will be Day of Fire, Decyfer Down and The Showdown.

Tickets are available for \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door and \$10 each for groups of seven or more. Tickets can be purchased at www.ticketwest.com or at the Service Station.

Carriage rides free downtown through Dec. 24

The Spokane Teacher's Credit Union is sponsoring free horse and carriage rides through downtown Spokane now through Christmas Eve. Rides will be given Fridays from 3-8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 12-5 p.m. Pick-up is at the corner of Main and Wall. Riders can enjoy the holiday decorations throughout downtown Spokane and will also receive free candy canes and coupons for coffee or hot chocolate specials at participating downtown coffeehouses.

Figure skating glides through Spokane in Jan.

Tickets are on sale now for the 2007 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships, which will be held Jan. 21-28 at the Spokane Arena and Convention Center. The week-long competition will feature ladies, men, dance and pairs skating. Ticket prices vary for each event and range in price from \$15 to \$98. For more information, a full list of events and prices or to purchase tickets visit www.spokane2007.com.

'Nutcracker' presented this weekend

The Spokane Symphony, Alberta Ballet and Ballet British Columbia present the classic holiday ballet "The Nutcracker" this Friday through Sunday at the INB Performing Arts Center. Shows are Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets start at \$17. For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.spokansymphony.com.

Compiled by Natalie Johnson

A&E BRIEFS

Choirs bring holiday music to First Pres.

Whitworth choirs will be performing their Christmas festival concert, "Out of the Darkness we have Light," at the First Presbyterian Church this Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$12 for students. For tickets, call 509-467-9397 or visit www.tickets-west.com.

Improv. comedy groups face off this Sunday

Cool Whip will face off with On-the-Spot Players, this Sunday at 8 p.m. on Stage II in Cowles Memorial Auditorium. Both groups will compete in improvisational comedy games similar to those played on the show "Who's Line is it Anyway?". Admission is \$1.

Compiled by Natalie Johnson

Weekly EVENTS

TUESDAY | DEC. 5

- Whitworth Concert Band and Jazz II concert, 7:30 p.m. in HUB multipurpose room
- Christopher Zilar AIDS lecture, 7:30 p.m. in Weyerhaeuser Teaching Theatre
- David Brodeur exhibit, Koehler Gallery

WEDNESDAY | DEC. 6

- Shepard's Bells Handbell concert, 7:30 p.m. in Seeley G. Mudd Chapel
- David Brodeur exhibit, Koehler Gallery
- Festival of One Acts, 7 p.m. in Stage II

THURSDAY | DEC. 7

- Frost Fair featuring Blue Scholars, 9 p.m. in HUB multipurpose room
- Vocal jazz soloists recital with jazz combo, 8 p.m. in Music Redcital Hall

FRIDAY | DEC. 8

- Winterfest arts & crafts sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in HUB multipurpose room
- Auxiliary fundraising bake sale, 9 a.m. in Lied Square

SATURDAY | DEC. 9

- Catholic Fellowship Christmas caroling, 6 p.m. in HUB multipurpose room

SUNDAY | DEC. 10

- Candlelight Nativity service, 7 p.m. in Seeley G. Mudd Chapel

MONDAY | DEC. 11

- Last day for course withdrawal
- Lily Mentors Lunch, noon in HUB catering rooms



Photo courtesy of www.bluescholars.com

Emcee Geologic and DJ/producer Sabzi of the Blue Scholars. The Seattle-based group is known for raw vocal delivery and melodic boom-bap. Blue Scholars will be performing this Thursday, Dec. 7, at 9 p.m. in the Hixson Union Building multipurpose room. Admission is free with student ID or \$10 for the general public.

Blue Scholars lead hip-hop's Renaissance

Kaillin Troth
Staff writer

When possible, go to the roots. The first way something is done is often the best, most fresh and charged with the energy that comes from knowing you're forging something new.

Back in the early 90s East Coast no one had to rap about jewelry, women, or Cristal. One emcee, one DJ and a message was the soul for the wax poets of the streets. Since then, it's been booty beats at C8, \$2 mil. grills, and white men with three kids and tight tie-knots bickering over coffee and the liner notes in today's rap albums.

When possible, go to the roots, and the roots are what the all-artist-run label Mass Line Media is founded on. Blue Scholars, Common Market and Gabriel Teodros are on tour spreading the vibe that West Coast hip-hop isn't dead through raw flow and enough soulful boom-bap to shake the dust from the White House steps.

At the front of the renaissance are Blue Scholars. Emcee Geologic grew up in a Filipino working class family, distilling the prejudice and hardship of urban America into spoken word and battleground microphone work. By serrated wit and political paroxysms, Geo scrawls his poetry all over the blackboard DJ Sabzi lays out.

Sabzi, originally a punk drummer and jazz pianist, adds the right flavor to give Blue Scholars their versatility and (not) original sound. Focus on the melody, layer the beats, and deliver it through slick turntablism is what we find Sabzi cutting in through Geologic's rhymes.

But style isn't everything. When the Scholars start we know class is in session and there's going to be more truth reverberating through the room than four years in a lecture hall. They aren't about uplifting preteen party-anthems or skirt-chasers grinding into disinterested floozies; there's a bleeding world all around us if only we'd listen. They sharply and effectively go from preaching about low-income soldiers caught up in absurd warfare because of a backdoor draft to the broken homes and poverty in the ethnic neighborhoods tucked away from the land of the free. Sometimes the pill is hard to swallow. And sometimes you walk away with Geo's words snared forever on the other side of your eardrums.

It's about one DJ, one emcee and a message. And the message is catching on.

The Blue Scholars as torch-bearers for Seattle's hip-hop played the main stage at Sasquatch! and Bumbershoot in 2006. They've also recently expanded and re-released the 2004 Blue Scholars LP and blew through 5,000 presses of their new EP, *The Long March*. They're for all of us who thought hip-hop diluted itself into a formulaic coma, all of us that would rather read the papers than spend that time working to get some more ice around our necks, and all of us that know a revolution works best through music.

The Blue Scholars with Common Market, Gabriel Teodros and special guest DJ Daps, will rock the Hixson Union Building at 9 p.m. this Thursday. The concert is free with Whitworth student ID and \$10 for the general public.

Christmas spirit carries throughout the globe

Stephanie Augsburger
Guest writer

Christmas is present all over the world. But there are some different traditions, depending on where you live. For example, let us start with my own country... the beautiful Switzerland!

My family and I celebrate it on the 24th and on the 25th. On the 24th, we gather with my parents and sister in the evening, share a nice meal, and exchange gifts around our real Christmas tree lighted by real candles on it (and no, it never catches on fire!). At 10:30 p.m., we go to church for the special Christmas service. On the 25th, we spend the day with my mom's family one year and the other with my dad's. On my mom's side, the meal is always Chinese Fondue. And we exchange a few gifts too. But in my dad's family, it's always a different meal, and the gifts are only for the younger kids.

In France, it changes from family to family. For example, Geraldine Richard, a French exchange student, only celebrates Christmas on the 24th in the evening, with her family. They also have a little ritual, Richard said.

"One of the traditions is that before the dinner, all the children go in a bedroom, while the parents put the gift around the chimney. When they are done, the children heard the parents say 'good bye Santa Claus, thank you.' So the children come out of the room, discover their gift, and open them."

Their typical meal is made of turkey, potatoes, beans, oysters and the "bûche" (a dessert, in the shape of a log... most of the time with chocolate frosting). But Carole Juin, another French exchange student, celebrates Christmas on the 24th and the 25th; once with her dad's family and once with her mom's. They also eat oysters and a "bûche," but they add to the menu some "foie gras" and champagne. They exchange gifts during each celebration.

In Sweden, Sofia Andersson celebrates Christmas only on the 24th. They wake up in the morning and eat porridge with one almond in it. The one who gets the almond is supposed to get married within the next year.

They also have a cute tradition. "At 3 p.m., they show Donald Duck on TV for an hour, it's a special TV show that they put together just for Christmas with several 5-10 minute Christmas stories about Donald Duck, Mickey Mouse, Goofy and others," Andersson said.

Then, they start to eat. The meal consists of ham, a potato dish called "Janssons frestelse" (Janson's temptation), different kinds of herring, meatballs, bacon, omelet, ribs, a small sausage and a fish called Lutfisk (stockfish) which takes two weeks to prepare. They also eat a kind of bread called "Vört," which is dark and contains a lot of spices. They also drink "julmust" (Christmas must). Then, Santa Claus enters and asks: "Are there any nice children in here?" Everybody gets a present and opens it at the same time with the rest of the family. Then, it is family time, enjoying each other presence through games or other fun activities. They can snack with nuts, figs, or dates, while drinking some "Glögg," which is red wine with raisins, almonds and spices. At midnight, they go to church for the Christmas celebration. There is also another sermon on the 25th in the morning called "julotta."

In Chile, Carolina Broemeling celebrates it on the 24th. They eat dinner from 10 p.m. to midnight. And at midnight, Christmas really begins.

"We are allowed to open the gifts right when it is midnight, the beginning of the 25th (after dinner); we don't wait till the morning to do that," Broemeling said. Their meal is made of meat (turkey, beef, or chicken) with different salads, such as: potato salad, olive, corn, carrots, etc. As desert, they eat either peaches with whipped cream or strawberries and cream.

"We also eat a bread called "Christmas Bread" (Pan de Pascua), which is made of dough with jellied fruit and nuts," Broemeling said.

With that, they drink champagne, Chilean wine, Pisco, sodas, or natural juices. The Chileans also have a very nice tradition as Carolina mentioned: "Since everybody opens their gifts on Saturday night, kids go out in the streets of their neighborhood, right around 12:15 p.m. to show off their gifts; and sometimes parents join them. We stay up till very late; that's why it is not common to go to Church the next day. Usually many members of the family meet. One day, in my house, there were almost 50 people for one Christmas; all of them were relatives, uncles, aunts, cousins, grandparents... The Christmas Bread is a must have for this occasion!"

There are different ways of celebrating Christmas all around the world. We all want to enjoy this time with our families, eating some good food, and exchanging gifts. After having spent two Christmas in an American family, the same spirit is present everywhere; whatever you do or eat. Joyeux Noël! God Jul! Feliz Navidad! Merry Christmas!

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- Saying your lack of nail polish is simply an attempt at blending into your snowy surroundings.
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- Mandals and wool socks.
- Carrying cramp-ons to cross the parking lot.
- Dressing up as your favorite Narnia character.
- Wearing ski goggles while walking to class.
- Thinking that Uggs are the only thing you need to cover your legs below the knee.
- Matching onesies with your roommate.

Scene

Alumnus wins prestigious fiction award

Author based fiction on world travels as a reporter; political injustices

Bethany Hergert
Staff writer

Drawing from life experiences and turning fact into fiction, Russell Working, an '82 alumnus, was recently awarded Notre Dame's prestigious Sullivan Prize for his short story "The Irish Martyr."



WORKING

Based roughly on the experiences he had as a reporter in Egypt, "The Irish Martyr" tells the story of a young Egyptian girl who becomes interested in a foreign stranger, and the political and social clashes that ensue.

A long time reporter and current Chicago Tribune staff member, Working often creates fiction out of the experiences he has traveling as a reporter, as well as political injustices.

"A lot of times it is stuff I've gone out and done stories on. They'll be things that interest me that I want to explore in fiction," Working said.

Working also looks to his family for inspiration in

his work. His wife, Nonna, is also a journalist, and they have two sons, Sergei and Lev.

Several of his journalistic as well as fictional pieces have come from the emotions of being a father colliding with what it would be like to experience the tragedies he has seen occur around the world.

"It's not something that's quite rational," Working said. "But something that happens in the back of your own conscious."

Being often of a serious and sometimes disturbingly realistic nature, Working's stories are hard to put a label on.

"Everyone tells me they are really dark. I think it's people struggling in difficult situations and trying to deal with what life has dealt them," Working said. "Some have called it political fiction, but it's usually things that don't get as much news coverage."

Though being a journalist is his job title, Working's true passion lies in fictional writing.

"The kind of writing, pure writing that I enjoy most is fiction," Working said. "I've traveled all over the world because journalism has taken me there. But with journalism, when you turn in a story it is more about 'Will this get through?' 'How will it get changed?' However with fiction there is more respect for the copy. It is just

letting your unconscious roam."

Working believes his background in journalism is what has helped his writing most, and his experience at Whitworth, as an English major, was the basis for that.

"I think in general it was more than anything else that studying English literature there with outstanding professors prepared me the best," Working said. "I took one

course in creative writing, I didn't enjoy the committee process. I did take courses in journalism as well, and actually wrote for The Whitworthian. I think the discipline of journalistic writing is a good discipline for a writer of any sort. It teaches you to be concise and tight."

His daily job as a journalist is his career, but his focus will always remain with his family and exploring the dynamics of social injustices

"[Fiction] is just letting your unconscious roam."

Russel Working,
'82 alumnus and author

through fiction.

"My wife has been a real encouragement in this. It is easy to get caught up in the everyday life of being a reporter, and not have time for writing fiction, so she encourages me in that," Working said.

For story teasers, further biographical information and links to purchasing Working's publications, visit www.fal.net/rworking/.

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FILM: Students called to action

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at the White House. The organization was unaware that Olivia herself had the disease as a result of being sexually abused. She died at age 21 before medication could be delivered to her.

Though AIDS is the deadliest epidemic the world has ever seen, the fight against it is far from hopeless.

This event emphasized the need for compassion - to not let people die needlessly and that every individual life matters.

"We can do something about AIDS. It's not over yet," Miner said. "As students, we have the capacity to make change possible."

Today's speaker, Christopher Zilar, will answer questions about the problem of domestic AIDS.

A dessert reception will be held at 7:30 p.m. and the lecture on AIDS in Spokane will be at 8 p.m. in the Robinson Teaching Theatre.

"He'll help students to see that AIDS is in our own community, bringing the issue home," Krzymowski said.

The reality of HIV/AIDS

Statistics from the film "A Closer Walk"

10,000
people die every day from the disease

26 million
people have died, most of them are Africans

99 percent
of Africans with AIDS do not have access to treatment

70 percent
of people of those with HIV/AIDS in Russia and China became infected by sharing needles

more than 2,000
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5 million
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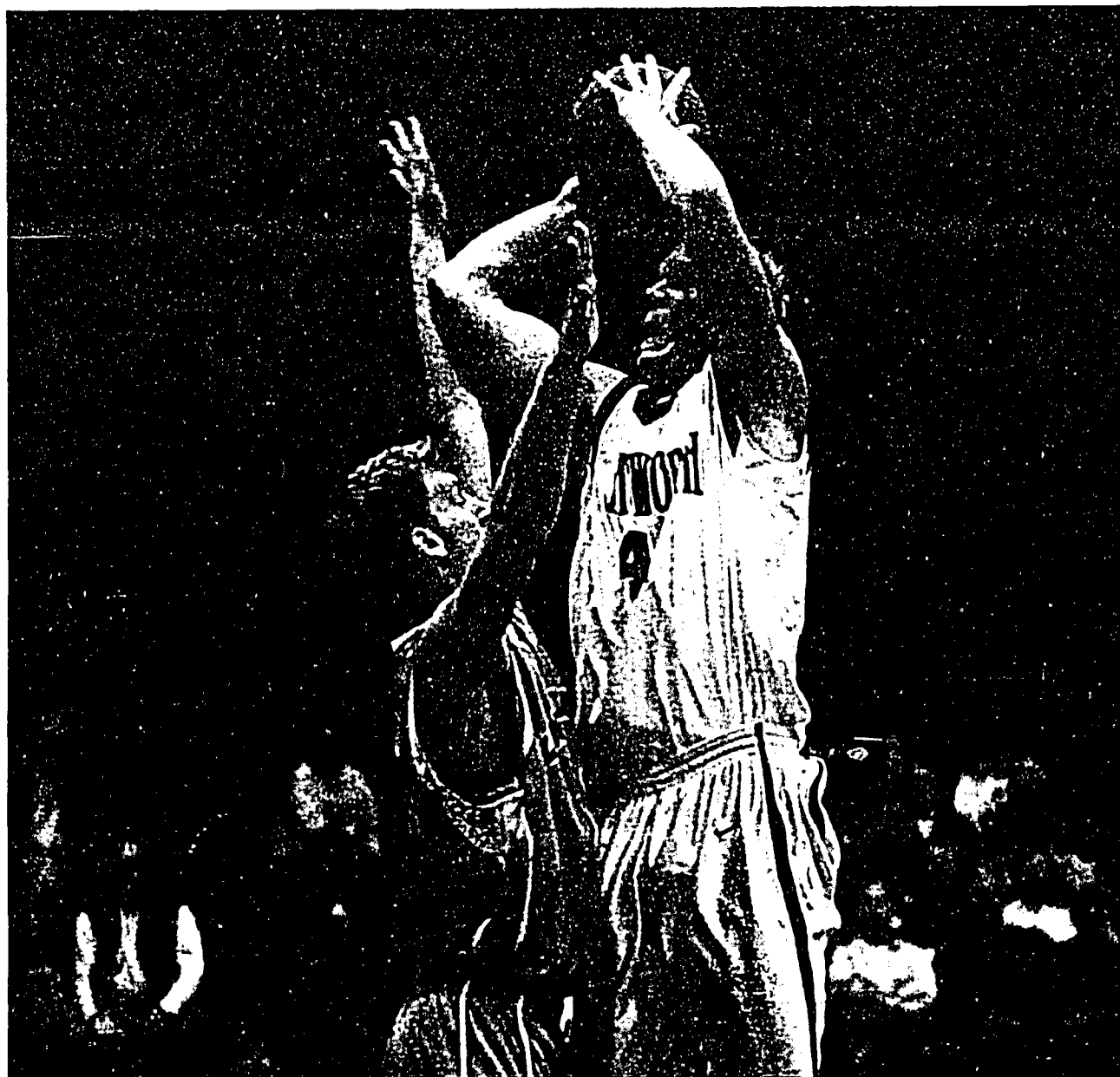
Game to watch

(11) Washington @

(21) Gonzaga

Men's Basketball

Saturday, Dec. 9 @ 8 p.m.



Senior post Kevin Hasenfus shoots over a Lewis & Clark defender during Whitworth's 82-73 win over the Pioneers to open up Northwest Conference play last Saturday. Hasenfus 16 points in 28 minutes during the win. The Pirates improved their record to 9-0, 2-0 in the NWC.

Jesse Clark/Whitworthian

Jones leads Bucs to wins

Justin Jose
Staff writer

The Whitworth Pirates opened up Northwest Conference play last Friday with a win over the Pacific University Boxers 62-57 and the Lewis & Clark Pioneers 82-73 last Saturday. With the wins the Pirates, who are ranked 18th in the latest D3hoops.com poll, move to an undefeated record of 9-0 and 2-0 in league.

Junior guard Colin Willemssen and junior forward Ryan Symes led the Pirates against Pacific with 14 points each, while senior guard James Jones added 12.

Whitworth maintained a lead over the Boxers for the last thirty minutes. Pacific brought the score within four,

58-54 with 2:12 to go, on a pair of free throws by Donnie Harrison-Davis. But the Pirates tightened up their defense and held the Boxers scoreless until 10 seconds remained when Ryan Turcott drilled a three pointer. On the ensuing throw-in, the Boxers tried to foul to stop the clock but the Pirates evaded the attempts and ran the clock out.

At half the Pirates only led by two, 33-31, in large part due to the aggressive rebounding on the offensive glass by the Boxers. Whitworth shot over 54 percent in the first half from the floor, while the Boxers shot 40 percent.

The Boxers' second half shooting and timely baskets by the Pirates shifted momentum in the second half.

Midway through the second half,

the Pirates extended their lead to 51-41 courtesy of a 10-0 run sparked by Willemssen's eight points. The Boxers shot 29 percent in the second half and 34 percent for the game.

Pacific started a comeback and tied the score at 51, but were unable to get any closer. Willemssen and Symes combined for four free throws in the last minute to seal the victory.

Last Saturday, the Pirates shot 61 percent for the game and used a balanced scoring attack to defeat the Pioneers. The scoring featured four Pirates in double figures, with Jones leading with 20.

Early on, the Pirates and Pioneers turned the game into a three-point

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Kephart and Turner qualify for nationals

Sara Morehouse
Staff writer

The swim team split their squad this past weekend, sending part of the team to the Northwest Invite, hosted by Pacific Lutheran University. Also, they sent those on the team who qualified to the Division I Husky Invitational hosted at the University of Washington.

In the Northwest Invite last Friday and Saturday, both the men's and women's teams placed in the middle of the pack: men at fifth out of nine teams with 133 points and women at sixth out of ten teams with 214 points. Though the team scores weren't that high, several swimmers got their season best times, said assistant coach Gary Kessie.

"Across the board, there were quite a few best times," Kessie said. "It was a decent meet."

Junior Bekah List won the 1650-yard freestyle with a time of 19:00.27, which was just off her last best time, said assistant coach Kevin Wang. Sophomore Ashley Scroggy took second in the 200-yard freestyle with 2:06.06 and freshman Yasi Khesghi took third in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:28.98.

On the men's side, freshman On Leung achieved second place in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 57.51. The men's 400-yard medley relay took third with a time of 3:56.44.

Despite this relay performance, three other Whitworth relays were disqualified due to bad starts. Head coach Steve Schadt said that they are going to be working more on their relay starts in practice.

The Husky Invitational had a different story for the Whitworth relays. The women's 200-yard freestyle relay team broke the school record that hasn't been touched in ten years with a time of 1:39.3. Schadt said that the men's 800-yard free relay also dropped a lot of time as well.

A member of the relay, junior David Dolphay, personally shaved two seconds off of his best time from last year.

"Every season builds on the last one," Dolphay said. "This is an extension of the past year's training."

The women's side sported two national provisional qualifying marks. Junior Sam Kephart made the cut in the 100-yard butterfly and freshman Natalie Turner made it in the 200-yard freestyle. Kephart was happy to take the pressure off and have a secure spot at nationals. She attributes her season-best swim to more competition, recovery from a back injury and a good team.

"Everyone is doing so well; everyone is so motivated and supportive of each other," Kephart said.

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Whitworth opens NWC play with pair of wins

KT Pridgen
Staff writer

The Whitworth women's basketball team opened Northwest Conference play last weekend with two wins, improving their overall record to 5-0. The Pirates played Pacific University last Friday, winning 64-52. Last Saturday the Pirates defeated Lewis & Clark College, ranked third in the NWC, 68-59.

Freshman guard Natalie Orrell and sophomore forward Alida Bower led the Pirates against Pacific University with 16 points

each. Freshman post Susan McDaniel scored 11 of her 13 points after half time. Whitworth made 23 of 62 shots from the field and 10 of 22 shots from behind the arc.

The score was tied at 6-6 early in the first half, but with almost fourteen minutes still left in the half, McDaniel was forced to sit out with three fouls. Pacific then went on a 7-0 run, putting the Pirates down 13-6.

However, the Pirates fought back, and a three-pointer by freshman guard Leah Pomante with nine seconds left put Whitworth

up 31-29 going into half time.

The second half started like the first had ended when Bower hit a three within the first minute of play. With 14:30 left on the clock, Whitworth was leading 38-34. The Pirates continued play strong throughout the rest of the half, going on a 9-0 run to extend their lead to 60-45 with 3:56 left in the game.

"We started off shaky, but we came together and started playing as a team," sophomore forward Tiffany Corigliano said.

Last Saturday, Whit-

worth shot 38 percent from the field compared to Lewis & Clark's 42 percent. However, the Pirates out rebounded Lewis & Clark 36-31.

McDaniel led the Pirates against Lewis & Clark, earning her second double-double of the season with 15 points and 14 rebounds. Five other players scored in the double digits to help Whitworth to their win.

"It was good the way it was really balanced," Corigliano said. "There was no particular star. Everyone

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Sophomore Alida Bower drives to the hoop in Whitworth's 69-66 win over Lewis & Clark last Saturday. Bower finished with 10 points in the win over the Pioneers, keeping Whitworth's winning streak alive at five.

Jesse Clark/Whitworthian

Here's Johnny: Pirates end season

Elise Page
Staff writer

On Saturday, Nov. 25, the most successful football team in Whitworth history played its last game. When the Pirates hosted the St. John's University Johnnies, the Pirates remained in the game until the second half.

The game's first score belonged to the Johnnies in their first drive, moving 80 yards in nine plays. St. John's running back Craig Luberts ran in for a touchdown from 15 yards.

Whitworth turned over the ball inside the Johnnies 20-yard line on its next possession when SJU's Kevin McNamara recovered sophomore running back Milton Nelson's fumble. However, Whitworth got a chance to score the next time they had the ball, moving 64 yards in 13 plays before the Pirates settled for a 29-yard field goal by senior kicker Cameron Collings.

At the end of the first half, Whitworth was down by a score of 7-3.

"The game was still close at halftime. We weren't out of it until the second half," freshman offensive lineman Michael Cozad said.

In the second half, the stable offense and the powerful defense of the Johnnies took over the game. The Johnnies began the second half with a 64-yard drive to score a touchdown off of SJU Mike Lofbloom's 11-yard touchdown, increasing the score to 14-3.

On the next possession, Whitworth moved the ball into St. John's 38-yard line, but a bad snap

on third and fourth caused a seven-yard loss and the Pirates had to punt.

In the fourth quarter, St. John's Mike Schumacher sacked Whitworth senior quarterback Joel Clark on the Whitworth 12-yard line on third down. After the punt, the Johnnies began a rush at the 39-yard line and scored in 6 plays, extending the score to 21-3.

"The hardest part of the game was watching St. John's score the last touchdown," Cozad said.

The Johnnies had one more chance to score in the fourth quarter, but junior defensive back Peter Ghilardi intercepted SJU quarterback Alex Kofoed's pass in the end zone. Whitworth then went 89 yards to get on the Johnnies' seven-yard line. But Whitworth couldn't find the end zone as St. John's Shawn Schoenberg knocked away Clark's fourth down pass and ended the game, with the final score being 21-3.

"Losing was definitely the lowest point of the season, since it was the first time we'd lost all season. Just realizing that we were going to lose was hard for us," Cozad said.

Clark completed 17 of 31 passes for 221 yards, with no interceptions. Senior tight end Michael Allan caught six passes for 101 yards, while junior wide receiver Steve Silva had five grabs for 63 yards. Junior running back Kyle Havercroft ran the ball 18 times for 84 yards. Clark finished his season as Whitworth's all-time leader in total offense (9,656 yards), passing yardage (8,513) and touchdown passes (71). Al-



Nate Chute/Whitworthian

Senior tight end Michael Allan drags St. John's defensive back Shawn Schoenberg down the sideline. Allan finished his illustrious Pirate career as the all-time leader in touchdown receptions with 29 and finished the 2006 campaign with 53 catches for 1,100 yards.

lan is Whitworth's all-time leader in touchdown receptions (29) and finished the season with 53 catches for 1,100 yards.

"This season was amazing," Cozad said. "It was one of the best things I've ever been a part of in my whole life."

WINS: McDaniel records second double-double

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was working together."

The Pirates started out slowly, trailing Lewis & Clark 20-9 early on. However, helped by five back-to-back points by Corigliano, the Pirates began battling back, cutting back the Pioneers' lead to four at half time.

The Pirates came out

strong in the second half, tying up the game within the first two minutes of the second half after two lay-ups; one by Orrell and one by McDaniel.

"At halftime we talked about how we needed to 'D' up better and realized we needed to step it up if we wanted to keep our streak alive," Corigliano said.

The lead switched

back and forth several times with Whitworth never up more than a few points before an 11-2 run put Whitworth ahead 62-54.

Six unanswered points by Lewis & Clark put the score at 59-62 with 29 seconds left on the clock, but the Pirates sunk all six free throws in the final seconds to win the game 68-59.

"Tonight we did really well," McDaniel said. "The freshmen are stepping up. We're a young team, but we're really deep when it comes to desire and intensity."

Whitworth travels to La Grande, Ore., to battle Albertson College (Idaho) on Dec. 8 and Eastern Oregon University on Dec. 9 in the Eastern Oregon University Holiday Classic.

BUCS

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shootout as the teams combined for 25 three pointers. The Pirates hit 12-24 (50 percent) from long range while the Pioneers hit 13-29 (44 percent).

Throughout the game, one team would go on a run and the other would counter. Time after time the Pirates would come down and hit a three pointer only to be answered by a triple from the Pioneers.

With under ten seconds remaining in the first half, senior guard Bryan Williams drove to the hoop and dished a no-look pass to senior center Kevin Hasenfus who layed the ball in as time expired giving the Pirates the 38-33 lead.

The Pirates sailed out of the half with momentum as Jones came out and scored the first five points, giving the Pirates a 10-point lead, 43-33.

Yet the Pioneers continued to hit shots and got back into the game, soon tying the score at 57. Both teams traded runs and with 3:36 remaining, the Pioneers pulled within two, 72-70. That would be as close as the Pioneers could get as the Pirates clamped down on defense and finished off the game with a 10-3 run.

"We knew they loved to shoot, that was obvious to anyone who watched," Williams said. "The biggest thing for us was to get stops and extend the lead as much as we could."

Senior guard Jon Young pitched in with 17, sharing the lead in made three pointers with Jones as both hit four three pointers. Hasenfus notched 16 points and seven rebounds, while Willemssen rounded out the double figure scorers with 13. Williams led the way in assists with seven. The Pioneers' Joey Toboni led all scorers with 27.

"We were happy about our wins," Williams said. "We didn't play our best basketball last weekend."

Whitworth continues play Dec. 10 when they will travel to California to face UC Santa Cruz.

Sports BRIEFS

UCLA knocks USC out of BCS title race, game

Last Saturday, the UCLA Bruins defeated cross-town rival the USC Trojans 13-9. With the win, the Bruins knocked the Trojans out of the BCS championship game, who will now play in the Rose Bowl. Bruin sophomore quarterback Patrick Cowan, who was only recruited by Sacramento State and University of Idaho out of high school, passed for 114 yards and rushed for 55, most of which came on a drive that resulted in a touchdown. When the Trojans were driving late in the game, Bruins' Eric McNeal deflected, then intercepted, John David Booty's pass to ensure the victory.

UNC collects 18th national championship

The University of North Carolina Tar Heels women's soccer team survived an onslaught of shots by Notre Dame late in the second half to win their 27th match in a row and their 18th national championship. Freshman Casey Nogueira had a goal and an assist last Saturday to lead the Tar Heels to the 2-1 victory over the Fighting Irish in Cary, N.C.

Lachey has new union: Tacoma Rainiers

Celebrity Nick Lachey, widely known for his show "Newlyweds" with former wife Jessica Simpson, has become a part-owner of the Seattle Mariners Triple-A affiliate, the Tacoma Rainiers. Lachey is now part of the Schlegel Sports Group out of Dallas. SSG is now a one-third owner of the Rainiers. The Rainiers, part of the Pacific Coast League, have had celebrity owners with Warren Buffet and Nolan Ryan both owning teams in the PCL.

Controversial commissioner to retire in 2009

Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig said he will retire when his contract runs out in 2009. Selig, who was named "interim" commissioner in 1992, took the job permanently in 1996. During his tenure, Selig started the World Baseball Classic and took salaries to record heights. He will be remembered for the "Steroid Era," the All-Star Game tie and his feud with ex-MLB player Pete Rose.

Compiled by Colin Storm

NATIONALS

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These meets mark the approximate halfway point in the season and Schadt is pleased with the outlook. Now that he has a clearer view of the competition, he said both the men's and women's teams have a chance to win conference.

"It should be tight, but that is half the fun of it," Schadt said.

Schadt also said that they are on course for success in their practices.

They plan to add longer workouts during the Christmas season and transition to more speed in January and February to prepare for the Northwest Conference meet.

"We are just going to stay on

course with the normal game plan," Schadt said. "It seems like the recipe we are using for the three groups is going just fine."

The swim team next travels to Florida to compete in the Jacob's Aquatic Center Invite on Jan. 6 before resuming NWC meets on Jan. 12 in Forest Grove, Ore., where they take on Pacific University.



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Men's Basketball

	NWC	ALL
Whitworth	2-0	9-0
PLU	2-0	4-0
UPS	2-0	5-1
George Fox	1-1	4-2
L&C	1-1	5-3
Pacific	1-1	2-4
Linfield	0-2	2-3
Willamette	0-2	1-5
Whitman	0-2	0-3

Next Pirate game:

Whitworth at UC Santa Cruz
Sunday, Dec. 10 @ 1 p.m.

Women's Basketball

	NWC	ALL
Whitworth	2-0	5-0
Whitman	2-0	4-1
PLU	2-0	4-2
George Fox	1-1	4-1
UPS	1-1	4-1
Linfield	1-1	2-2
Pacific	0-2	3-4
L&C	0-2	2-3
Willamette	0-2	0-7

Next Pirate game:

Whitworth at Albion
Friday, Dec. 8 @ 5:30 p.m.

Men's Swimming

	NWC	ALL
Whitworth	3-0	3-1
Linfield	3-0	3-2
PLU	2-1	2-1
Whitman	2-1	3-1
UPS	1-2	1-2
Willamette	0-2	0-2
Pacific	0-2	0-2
L&C	0-3	1-3
Pacific	0-2	3-9

Next Pirate meet:

Whitworth at Pacific
Friday, Jan. 12 @ 6 p.m.

Women's Swimming

	NWC	ALL
UPS	3-0	3-0
Whitworth	3-0	3-1
L&C	2-1	3-1
PLU	2-1	2-1
Whitman	1-2	2-2
Pacific	0-2	0-2
Willamette	0-2	0-2
Linfield	0-3	0-5
Pacific	0-2	3-9

Next Pirate meet:

Whitworth at Pacific
Friday, Jan. 12 @ 6 p.m.

Player of THE WEEK

James Jones
GuardCombined for 32 points
and 10 rebounds

BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Tacoma schools lead the way

Collin Storm
Sports Editor

After Tacoma schools, the University of Puget Sound and Pacific Lutheran University, dominated the NWC last season, they are both trying to place a bid for another NWC Championship. On the women's side, 2006 NWC MVP Nikki Johnson returns to try and lead the Lutes to their second straight conference title. On the men's side, it's a battle of the point guards with the surname Williams to see who wins the NWC title. If Antwan, the star sophomore for UPS, can lead the Loggers to a NWC title, it will be their fourth in a row. If Bryan, the four-year starter for the Whitworth Pirates can lead his team to the NWC championship, it will be the Pirates' first since 2003, avenging a NWC title game loss to UPS last season. Here are some faces and things to watch for:

Women:

Nikki JohnsonPACIFIC LUTHERAN

The returning NWC Player of the Year and 2006 NCAA Division III Third Team All-American member will look to lead the Lutes to their second straight NWC Championship. Johnson averaged 14 points per game for the Lutes, along with 10 rebounds per game. This season, Johnson is averaging over 16 points per game and nine rebounds through six games.

Crystal CastleLEWIS & CLARK

The junior, who was named to the NWC Second Team as a sophomore, looks to lead the Pioneers to the top of the NWC standings after finishing in the middle of the pack last season. Castle is currently averaging 16 points per game this season and has 13 steals through four games this season.

Robin TaylorGEORGE FOX

Taylor, who was a Second Team All-NWC selection last season, is the Bruins' top returner. She averaged 13.6 points per game last season along with 48 steals and 68 assists. This season she is still hovering around 13 points per game and is shooting over 90 percent from the free throw line.

Natalie OrrellWHITWORTH

Though the Pirates only return one starter, Orrell, a freshman from Wenatchee, is looking to take over the role as the scoring leader on the Pirates. Currently, Orrell leads the Pirates with over 15 points per game through five games this season and is shooting 68 percent from beyond the arc (13-19).

Kelsey KrumdieckWHITMAN

Krumdieck, a six-foot junior, leads the Missionaries this season in points per game (13.8), while shooting 60 percent from the field. She is second on the team in assists (16).

Women's Predicted Finish:



Pacific Lutheran Lutes

Puget Sound Loggers

Lewis & Clark Pioneers

George Fox Bruins

Linfield Wildcats

WHITWORTH PIRATES

Whitman Missionaries

Willamette Bearcats

Pacific Boxers

Women's Games to watch:



January 13:

The Pirates, who have the potential to make the playoffs, will host the defending NWC champions in the Fieldhouse.



January 30:

These two cross-town rivals will be playing for more than just the Tacoma championship. It could be for the No. 1 seed in the NWC Tournament.

Men:

Bryan WilliamsWHITWORTH

The four-year starting point guard for the Pirates and 2006 NWC Honorable Mention selection, will run the show for Whitworth as they look to increase the tempo this season. Through eight games this season, Williams is averaging 11 points per game, 19 steals and has dished out 72 assists through eight games this season. He is shooting nearly 47 percent from three-point land.

Antwan WilliamsPUGET SOUND

Williams, who leads the high-flying Logger attack, was an NWC Honorable Mention selection last season as a freshman. Williams is currently averaging over 14 points per game, has 14 steals, 40 assists and almost a 2:1 assist-to-turnover margin through six games.

CJ StuvlandWILLAMETTE

A returning First Team All-NWC selection, Stuvland looks to lead the Bearcat attack after transferring from University of Oregon two seasons ago. But the senior will be out until January 2007, so the Bearcats will have to try and survive without his 16 points per game and 30 minutes per game until then.

James JonesWHITWORTH

The senior leads the balanced Pirate attack that features five players who average more than 11 points per game, by averaging 16.3 points per game through eight games. The sharp-shooter from England is shooting nearly 53 percent from the floor and has pulled down nearly five rebounds per game for Whitworth, good enough for second on the team.

Phil Heu-WellerGEORGE FOX

The NWC Honorable Mention selection for the Bruins last season seemed to save his best stuff for the Whitworth Pirates, setting, then matching, his career high in two games against the Pirates last season. The senior looks to improve on his 10 points per game last season and has, averaging over 17 points per game through six games this season.

Men's Predicted Finish:



Puget Sound Loggers

WHITWORTH PIRATES

Willamette Bearcats

Lewis & Clark Pioneers

Pacific Boxers

Whitman Missionaries

George Fox Bruins

Pacific Lutheran Lutes

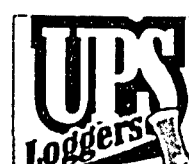
Linfield Wildcats

Men's Games to watch:



January 12:

Last season the Pirates handed the Loggers one of their two losses with a 98-74 win in Spokane. Whitworth looks to repeat the results this year.



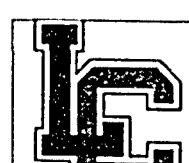
January 26:

The first time UPS and Willamette met, it took the Loggers three overtimes to beat the Bearcats and only did so by three. Who wins in Salem?



February 9:

This could be the game for the NWC Championship because it will have a large impact on seeding. Will the Loggers win their fourth straight?



February 17:

Could be the battle for third and fourth place in the NWC, where only the third place team gets a bid to the NWC Playoffs.

Fall Senior Tribute

Men's Soccer

"This group is my largest graduating class in my eleven seasons here and it will certainly be a group that will be missed, not only for their on-field contributions but their off-field commitment to the program. A talented, talented group throughout and a group that won more NWC Division III history than any other class in the NWC Division III history."



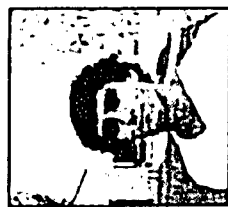
Chris Johnson
"Scored some incredibly vital goals during his career, a highly intelligent player. Coupled with his wife Meghan, they surely must be the first couple to ever compete in NWC soccer."



Kevin Bostock
"Covers down as one of the best goalkeepers in Whitworth history, along with having the most shutouts in the league."



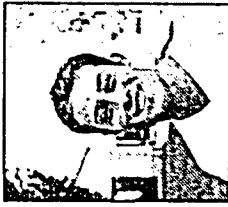
Adam Loeffler
"A four-year starter that played to be consistent throughout. Quiet, reserved and a team first player."



Ali Seyedali
"One of the top five kick takers in the country; he'll go down as the second all-time assist leader. One NWC coach described him as the best player in the league this year."



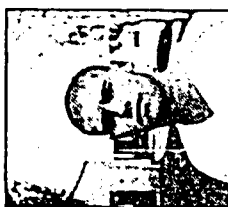
Tucker Hopp
"Persevered through many injuries throughout his career. 'Tuckie' is one of the most well-liked players on our team and probably our brightest soccer player."



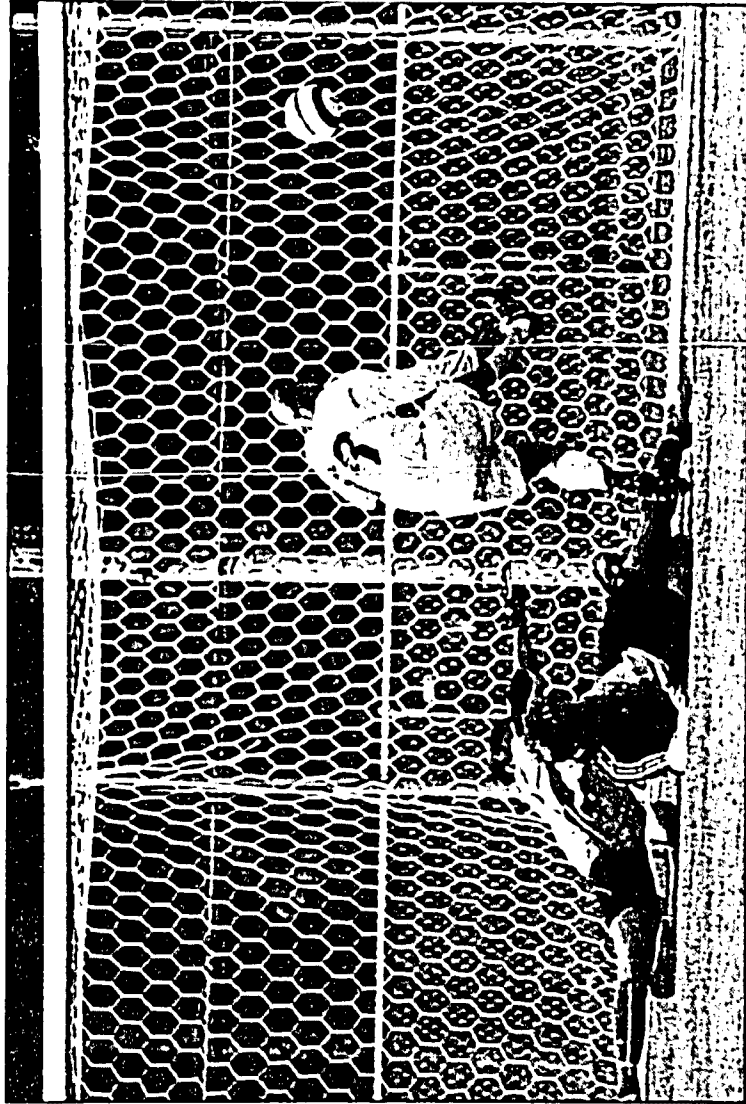
Niko Varlamos
"The all-time leading goal scorer in Whitworth history. Talented, driven and a great personality. The Greek wonder boy will be missed by many, as will his knowledge of the history of soccer, a walking Wikipedia."



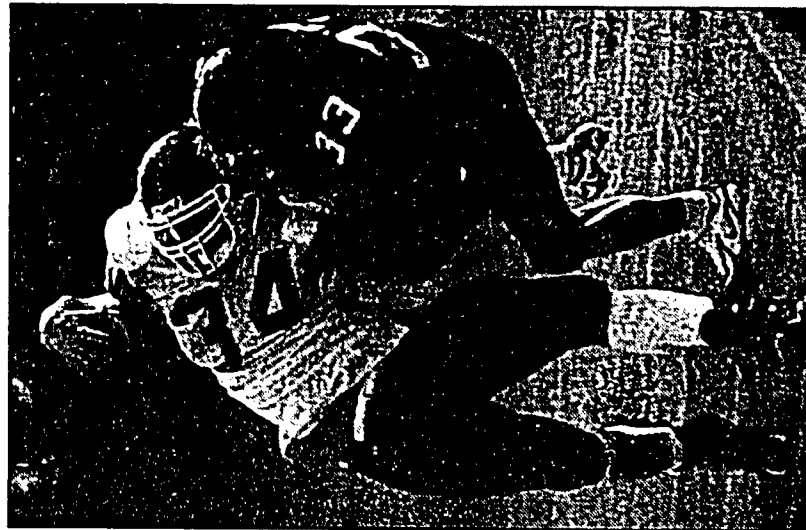
Kenshiro Uki
"Mr. Tricks-in-Flicks. A gifted technical player that graduates after only three years. And to a man, every player on our team would want to be sculpted the way Kenny is."



Sean Lambrecht
"The gymnast in our group. He always played with emotion and only wanted the team to do well, no matter what his role was. He'll always be remembered for his two goals against Colorado College in the 2004 first round of the 2004 tournament."



Nate Chute/Whitworthian
Sean Lambrecht scores one of his six goals this season past the George Fox Bruins goalkeeper and a defender.



Jesse Clark/Whitworthian
Nick Portroy brings down Connor Lynch of La Verno in Whitworth's 37-16 win over the Leopards. Portroy finished the season with 49 tackles and a sack.

Football

"Our senior class for this season may be the most talented that we have ever had. They have a great work ethic, they bring tremendous experience, and they love to compete."



Daniel Roberts
"Crucial player who got better every year. He does all the little things that the coaches ask that often times goes unnoticed that make a huge difference in our chances for success."



Dusty Rasmussen
"His a major contributor all four years. His consistent play throughout his career helped our team achieve tremendous success."



Tyler Shook
"Unfortunately injuries cut him his senior season. He has always stayed positive and played through pain. Opportunities prior to this season he always seemed to make a key block or reception."



Michael Allan
"Team Captain. He became one of the best players we have ever had at Whitworth. He made many big time plays throughout his career. Two-time First Team All-American."



Jon Edermeyer
"Great team player who led by his strong work ethic in the offseason. One of the most consistent players we have had over the past two years."



Tyler Hall
"Transfer student who immediately was well liked and fit in with our players. He was an impact player for our defense."



Steve Honeyman
"Team Captain. Started for three years and received all-league recognition for his outstanding play this season."



Cam Collings
"First team all-league punter his junior year and first team all-league kicker his junior year. It seemed like Cam did it all for us."



Joel Clark
"Team Captain. One of best players in the clutch that we have ever had. Great team player. Loves to compete."



Nick Portrey
"Team Captain. Tremendous work ethic who led by example. He was one of the stars on our defense the past three years."

Cross Country

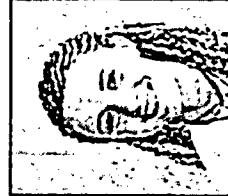
"The 2007 season was a very successful yet challenging season. The improvement and overall times of the runners on both teams shows that this men's team is the best we have had in the past 10 years and the women's team was as good as the 2002 team that won the West Region meet. The challenge was that the rest of the NWC stepped up to an unprecedented level so the final conference and regional results do not show the improvements."



Jeff Grassley
"Grass" has been a huge contributor to the team since his freshman year. Grass has done EVERYTHING that has been asked of him since he entered the program and has made a lot of improvements, had a lot of success and helped the team improve each year due to that commitment."



Andrea Camahan
"Andrea immediately began to contribute to the team by working hard and learning everything she could about running faster. Even with balancing the difficult and time consuming nursing program, Andrea was able to lead the team as one of our top runners and as the lone woman captain this season."



Sara Morehouse
"Sara may not be the most naturally gifted distance runner, but is one of the most committed and hard working women on the team. Sara had to overcome some health issues her first few years and the result was a much stronger and competitive runner her last two seasons. Sara had always been a very supportive teammate."



Julie Lauterbach
"In only three years of running cross country, Julie has added her name to the very exclusive but growing list of outstanding women distance runners at Whitworth. Julie continues a tradition of female distance runners who have made a huge impact on the conference, region and national level."

Volleyball

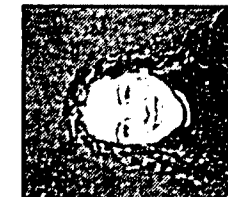
"The 2006 senior class did an outstanding job of taking a completely new group of young ladies into conference play. While our record did not reflect the ability and leadership of this group, they proved to be formidable opponents with every conference opponent. They have had a very successful four years in the volleyball program which included a conference title and a trip to the NCAA Sweet 16."



Tamra Stark
"Blocking leader on our team. Led team by example and work ethic in practice."



Anglie Florence
"Team captain. Honorable mention All-NWC, 2006 ESPY The Magazine Academic All-District VII College Division Volleyball 1st team. Led team by example, was the rock and leader of the team."



Nicole VanderMeulen
"Team captain, 2006 ESPY The Magazine Academic All-District VII College Division Volleyball 1st team. Led the team in the rock and leader of the team."

Women's Soccer

"While we only lose three players, their absence will have an impact on us. If not for their leadership, perseverance and determination our season would not have been as successful as it was, as surely no other team could have endured the injuries we did. I could not be happier with the service and dedication they put in during their four plus years here."



Meghan Johnson
"Incredibly tough. Endured the entire season out or working at the Golden Corral. She was yet continued to captain and lead us through, team and teammates, and still found time to make breakfast for her husband. (Chris made the dinners.)"



Katy Jones
"You'll either find Katy in the library, working out or working at the Golden Corral. She was passionate about her team and teammates, fiery and fiery. A perseverant and versatile player throughout her career."



Nicole Starkey
"Star" had to endure physical pain throughout her career, having multiple knee surgeries, but she never complained and only wanted what was best for the team. A perseverant and fighter that will be missed."



FOOTBALL:
1st

MEN'S
SOCCER:
2nd

WOMEN'S
SOCCER:
3rd

VOLLEYBALL:
4th (tied)

MEN'S
CROSS
COUNTRY:
5th

WOMEN'S
CROSS
COUNTRY:
5th

Quotes from Head Coaches of each sport:
Sean Bushoy (Soccer), Toby Schwarz (Cross Country), John Tully (Football) and Steve Rupo (Volleyball)



WINTER WONDERLAND

After the first big snow of the season, Whitworth students spent the past week playing outside in the white stuff.

TOP: Freshman Shawna McNally makes a snow angel in front of Duvall last Saturday afternoon.

Bryan Whitmore Whitworthian

RIGHT: Freshmen Sophie Barron and Lindsey Oakes admire their snowman outside the Hixson Union Building on Nov. 26.

Rachel Lynn Whitworthian

FAR RIGHT: Sophomores Jamie Daroff and Alex Evans crash while sledding in Holmberg Park last Saturday.

Thomas Robinson Whitworthian

BELOW RIGHT: Freshman students create a snowman outside the HUB on Nov. 26.

Rachel Lynn Whitworthian

BELOW FAR RIGHT: Lamps light up the empty, snow covered Hello Walk last Sunday evening.

Thomas Robinson Whitworthian

BELOW: Freshman Devin Rourke and sophomore Emily Vansteenwyk rest after a snowball fight last week. *Photo Courtesy of Matthew Deering*



Do you have some amazing shots of campus life? E-mail them to us at: whitpics@gmail.com.



Men's basketball nets victory

Pirates earn share of NWC regular season title and host championship this Friday
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Plunging into poverty

Students encounter streets of downtown Spokane
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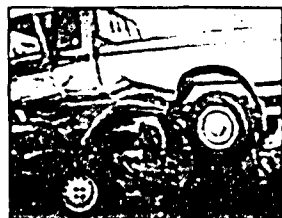
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Columnist tackles one of Whitworth's taboo topics: all things sex related.

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Shins album worth hearing

The Shins deliver a new album after four years and exceed expectations.

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Pirates end season with win

Junior Alida Bower leads Pirates to a win over Bearcats to end season.

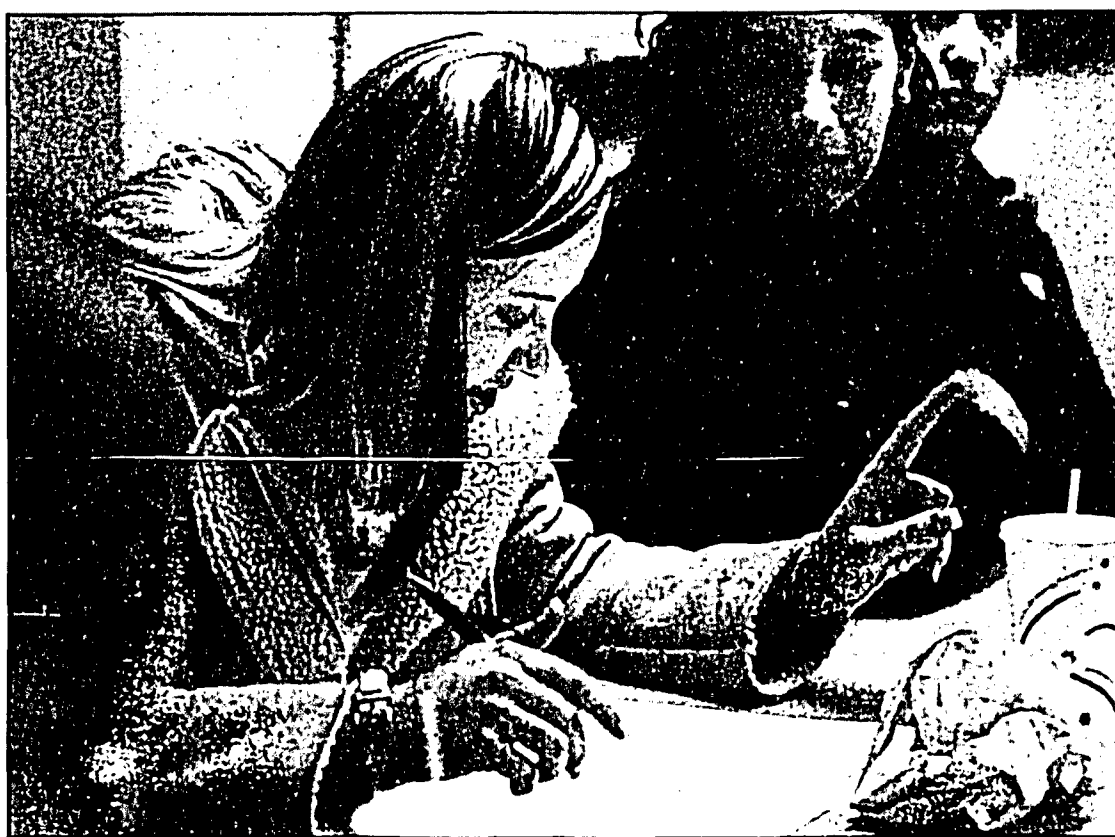
WORD FOR WORD

"We're talking a lot of jars of peanut butter."

- David Acheson
on the recall of all peanut butter produced since May 2006 at a major ConAgra plant, the sole production site of Peter Pan, because some may be contaminated with salmonella.

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Jessica Carrier/Whitworthian

Special events coordinator Amy Newton reads from her report during last week's ASWC meeting.

ASWC adjusts elections

Representatives elected in fall

Jessica Davis
News editor

All dorm representatives will be elected in the fall except for Schumacher Hall and off-campus reps after a vote of 13-4-1 by ASWC members two weeks ago. The Assembly also voted to change student representation for the 2007-08 school year.

There will now be one senator and one representative for Stewart/Shalom/Keola and one senator and representative for Baldwin-Jenkins/Akili/Tiki. Boppell will be represented by a single senator.

Representatives will now be

elected in the fall because last year the Arend Hall representative was elected in the Spring.

"It was inconsistent to have one rep elected in the spring and the rest in the fall," Executive Vice President Andrea Naccarato said.

According to the ASWC Constitution, "the election of executive officers, senators (with the exception of freshmen residence halls), and off-campus representatives, shall occur each spring semester. The elections of senators in freshmen residence halls and all other representatives shall occur within thirty days of the commencement of fall semester."

Last year, ASWC President Jeff Hunter proposed a new election timeline where all sena-

tors and representatives would have been elected in the Spring. Students failed the proposal in a campus-wide vote. However, Hunter decided to try to assemble as much of the leadership team as possible before the fall.

The leadership retreat is held in the spring, which Naccarato said leaves a disconnect between those elected in the spring and the fall.

During the discussion during the ASWC meeting two weeks ago, off-campus senator Adam Jones said he thinks it is important to elect as many students as possible in the spring.

"I think by voting in the spring it makes things run more smoothly," Jones said. "I think to have that be a consistent thing is

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Assembly reviews function, structure

Jessica Davis
News editor

The Associated Students of Whitworth College voted last week to move to subcommittee a proposal that would change the structure and possibly the function of ASWC.

The proposal would change the function of ASWC to focus less on programming and more on policy-making. Residence Life would take over some of ASWC's programming responsibilities.

"This is a governing body, and we need to get back to governing things," Duvall senator and senior Seth Wall said during the meeting.

The subcommittee met Monday to hammer out details. The proposal will be put to another vote before the Assembly Wednesday.

Because the proposal is in subcommittee, it could change significantly in the next few days.

However, the proposal may have difficulty being approved before ASWC elections in April. Applications go out Feb. 23.

"Personally, I feel it would be pushing it for this year," Executive Vice President and junior Andrea Naccarato said. "We have a good committee who will help with the logistical stuff."

According to the ASWC Bylaws, to change the constitution "the voting will occur one week after the is-

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Sodexho food service contract open to rebid

Luis Lopez
Staff writer

With a current contract rebid on the horizon, there is a chance Sodexho may not be back next fall.

Associate dean of students Dick Mandeville said the decision on a date for the rebid will be reached as soon as possible, before the student body leaves in May.

Jim O'Brien, the general manager of Sodexho Campus Services, said the last rebid occurred about seven years ago.

The same competitors who were around then are currently challenging Sodexho.

"The competitors at that time were ARA, Aramark, Bon Appe-

lite, which is now part of a larger company called Compass. Compass was a large competitor last time around," O'Brien said.

If Sodexho were not awarded the rebid, all the employees would be eligible for rehire by the new vendor, O'Brien said.

"The management employees would not be eligible for hiring by another vendor," O'Brien said.

"They would lose their jobs or go to work elsewhere with Sodexho. The hourly employees would have the chance to apply for jobs with the new company. If they were

hired, it would probably be under a different benefit package and at a different wage."

O'Brien also explained that allowing independent contractors onto campus would be up to the college to decide.

Recently, Sodexho completed upgrades in the dining hall in response to a survey conducted by ASWC last month.

The survey was conducted on January 15 by 18 ASWC student leaders collecting data from approximately 400 students, both on-and off-campus.

The survey listed what students

were satisfied with in the dining hall and in venues outside the dining hall, as well as improvements and suggestions for food services.

Among the things that students liked included the variety of the food in the Café, organic food products and a variety of seating and eating options in the HUB.

Among the concerns raised by the students ranged from better vegetarian options, less use of sodium in food and overall healthiness of the food.

Sodexho addressed the concerns students raised and promised to try to keep meeting student demands.

One new addition just added last Thursday was an option for Chinese food in the Café.

Sodexho

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Robinson names Benzel for finance position

Peter Smelser
Editor-in-chief

In the midst of major financial projects, including construction of three new facilities for the arts and sciences and growing the endowment, Whitworth chose Brian Benzel, superintendent of Spokane Public Schools, as the new vice president of finance and administration.



BENZEL

Benzel's announcement to leave the district comes at a time when Spokane Public Schools (SPS) could be faced with a \$10.5 million budget deficit next year.

That deficit would be a funding gap between what the state of Washington asks the schools to do and what they will actually fund, said Terren Roloff, director of community relations for SPS.

For instance, the state requires six class periods for high schools, but would only fund five in the coming year, Roloff said.

Before Benzel leaves the school district this summer, he will lobby state legislators to follow the state's paramount duty.

The Washington State Constitution says "it is the paramount duty of the state to make ample provision for the education of all

children residing within its borders ..."

In 2003, Benzel recommended \$9 million in budget cuts and may have to recommend cuts again.

"We are very fortunate to have him looking out for us," Roloff said. "He's the kind of leader that makes the community understand."

Before coming to the Spokane school district, Benzel most recently served as chief operating officer for Seattle Public Schools. He also spent 11 years in the Mead School District (1978-1988) as the business manager and superintendent.

"Anyone who knows Brian and knows Whitworth will recognize this is a great fit," said President Bill Robinson in a college press release.

Shortly after graduating from Washington State University, Benzel began working in Olympia, Wash. for the state. He was an education policy analyst for the Legislature and a supervisor for the state's Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

"I've worked with billion dollar budgets," Benzel said. "I think that the most impactful [budget] work is here in Spokane."

Benzel's work for the district includes helping pass a bond that built three new elementary schools as well as the current renovations at Rogers High School. Another multi-million dollar renovation will likely start this summer on Shadle Park High School.

Despite all these achievements, Benzel has very limited experience working with finance in the private sector. He is not expecting that to hamper him at Whitworth.

"There are elements of finance that are different in the private setting," Benzel said. "I'm excited about learning about that environment, but I'm not expecting it to be any more complicated."

Fundraising is another area Benzel is a little unfamiliar with.

"I see [fundraising] as an area I have a lot to learn in," Benzel said. "I'm hoping that I can bring some additional perspectives to Whitworth's Foundation and advancement."

Prior to last week's announcement, Whitworth had been without a chief financial manager since Dec. 1, 2006, when Tom Johnson left to begin work with Spokane Teachers Credit Union.

Also in January, one of Whitworth's top administrators and fundraisers took a hit to her credibility. Kristi Burns, vice president for institutional advancement, was linked to former Trustee Tom Delanty in a Seattle Times article. Those links turned out to be false.

Delanty is currently under investigation for embezzling funds. (For more information see "Background checks required" at the Whitworthian online.)

The timing of the hire comes at a critical point for Whitworth, as

the school continues to try to meet its fundraising deadline for the new Fine Arts building.

However, Benzel made no public appearances on campus prior to being named vice president of finance and administration.

President Robinson explained why the search committee kept this interview process private in an e-mail sent to faculty and staff on Feb. 14.

"First, it is customary for us to bring job candidates to campus to meet our good people. In this case, the search committee recognized how a public interview process would compromise Brian's effectiveness in his current position," Robinson wrote.

Benzel will continue to be active in delivering on various community interests and commitments.

Being involved in higher education was a goal, but that got diverted, Benzel said.

Benzel will have an opportunity when he begins his new job at Whitworth around Aug. 1.

Controller Luz Merkel will continue overseeing business operations until Benzel starts.

CLICK IT

Want to read it for yourself? Check out Brian Benzel's resignation letter to the SPS at www.whitworthian.com

REVIEWS: Proposal could change structure of student government

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sue is presented to the student body, to allow time for advertising, debate and set-up for the vote."

Whitworthian editor-in-chief and senior Peter Smelser proposed a representation system that would reshape the organization based on zones instead of merely dorms as in the past.

The zone system would eliminate senator positions. All elected members aside from the President, Executive Vice President and the Financial Vice President would instead be called representatives.

As the proposal stands, zone one would consist of McMillan Hall; zone two, Ballard and Schumacher Halls; zone three Warren Hall; zone four, Baldwin-Jenkins plus all freshman Village dorms; zone five, Arend Hall; zone six, Stewart and Boppell Halls and zone seven, Duvall Hall.

Representatives would come from three different areas. There would be seven voting members for on-campus, three for off-campus and three at-large voting members.

According to the proposal, the "at-large representatives would act as liaisons between student government and the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Education and the College of Business."

During discussion in the meeting, assembly members suggested the at-large members also represent each class.

The proposal is based on two central ideas. One is that the campus is overrepresented. Currently, there is approximately one voting member for every 110 students. The zoning system would eliminate approximately five voting positions.

"There are student governments at larger schools that have as many voting members as we do, and we only have around 2,000 undergrads," Smelser said.

Smelser said this proposal will also help manage growth and put student government structure more in line with that of the university. Most universities are broken up into several colleges by academic discipline.

However, the college currently has no plans to change its governing structure.

In an e-mail, dean of faculty Michael Le Roy wrote, "We might have colleges or schools someday, but we have not really discussed this at this stage of the game."

Le Roy emphasized the college wants to remain committed to keeping the Whitworth culture as unified as possible.

Executive assistant to the President Dale Soden agrees with Le Roy.

"People shouldn't interpret the name change as a signal that we are going to be a significantly different Whitworth," Soden said.

The college has plans to grow by 2 percent every year through 2010.

"More likely than not if we continue to grow and add programs, we will reorganize, but that's not in the current plan," Soden said. "We want to be ready to adapt ourselves to changes that might occur in the future."

The proposal was intentionally left gray so ASWC could adapt it to the college's future needs, Smelser said.

"The biggest benefit to [ASWC] changing before the college changes is the system is in place to add extra lines in job descriptions to say who is responsible for which college," Smelser said.

Arend Hall resident and freshman Tyler Hamilton proposed that the zoning proposal be moved to subcommittee during the discussion.

"It would be foolish to turn down the proposal without looking how to make it better," Hamilton said. "It has the potential to be really good."

Whitworth
Speaks
OUT

"Bring back the smoothies!"

Breanne Durham
Sophomore

"It'd be really nice if we had a mini grocery store, because we have to spend money on gas."

Liz Kuhlrich
Senior

What other food services would you like to see on campus?

Lyle Rau
Freshman

"If they had the Asian food more often, I'd like that. And maybe Arby's. Arby's is pretty sweet."

Dave Gerig
Sophomore

"I'd enjoy a McDonald's on campus every once in a while to get healthy. Maybe Qdoba. Maybe Panda Express."

Compiled by James Spung and Jesse Clark

Executives held accountable to promises

Tim Takechi
Hannah Whitsel
Staff writers

The executive officers of the Associated Students of Whitworth College have both succeeded and failed to put the campaign promises they made last spring into action.

Of her fall term in office, ASWC President Fa'ana Fanene said "It's been a learning experience, I've been getting my footing."

In her campaign, Fanene said she sought to build bridges between students and ASWC, students and faculty and finally students and students.

Fanene said she would like students "to know faculty outside of the classroom setting."

Fanene said she wanted to use unallocated funds to have a student versus faculty cricket game.

"The weather got cold too fast, and I never had an opportunity to bring it before ASWC," Fanene said in a recent interview.

Fanene is tentatively planning a faculty versus student dodgeball game for the spring.

"Right now I am in the process of working out all the little kinks and I'm waiting for Dr. Le Roy's reply to confirm it," Fanene said.

This fall, ASWC passed a proposal from vice president of academic affairs Michael Le Roy to have a trial run of a Dine With the Mind Program, which allows students to take a professor to lunch at Sodexho at the expense of ASWC.

"Twelve students have already used [the program]," Fanene said. "I think sometimes people need to be reminded that the fund is available to them."

Fanene also had promised to improve relationships between students and ASWC.

"We took surveys of progress and efficiency at the beginning of the year," Fanene said. "I keep my eyes and ears open, and try to be attentive to students. I feel like we've made a sincere effort."

In her campaign Fanene said she thought the greatest need of the student body was to make Whitworth in every way possible a campus that reflects Christ's love.



Jessica Carrier/Whitworthian

Executive Financial Vice President Jeff Hixson, outdoor events coordinator Nate Swenson and Boppell senator Luis Lopez interact during last week's ASWC meeting.

When asked how she had met the challenge of representing other belief systems Fanene said "I'm intrigued by other's beliefs, and I don't want to discount others for what they believe. I have only used two Biblical scriptures as inspirational quotes this year so far."

ASWC ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

Financial Vice President Jeff Hixson did not respond to repeated requests for an interview.

In his campaign, Hixson mentioned one of his qualifications for the position was his experience in accounting. As financial vice president, he has brought a degree of professionalism to the job.

"He helps us be professional; it's like going to a job. He's always very on top of things," Corey Newman, Baldwin-Jenkins representative and member of the finance committee said.

Hixson also emphasized his ability to relate to students in an atmosphere both parties felt comfortable in.

"He's very approachable, and very open to talk to people," Newman said.

Executive Vice President An-

drea Naccarato promised in her 2006 campaign to improve the relationship between ASWC and the student body. A recent trend among Whitworth students is a general lack of awareness of the actions and decisions of the elected student government, Naccarato said.

Students who live in dorms think ASWC is a separate entity. There needs to be communication between ASWC and students by attending Primetimes and communicating with resident directors, Naccarato said.

Naccarato said she made an effort this school year to attend more campus-wide events in order to make herself known to a wider variety of students. This way, students will be more inclined to voice their opinions to ASWC officers about how student money should be spent.

The role of the executive vice president is to work with the internal organization of the student government, by keeping all senators, representatives and coordinators accounted for, Naccarato said.

Naccarato said during her campaign the greatest need on this campus is better inter-dorm community. It would be great to

see more programs that connect dorms.

Naccarato said making sure ASWC officers actively seek out ways to gather people from all dorm buildings together is a way to create better community.

The biggest thing ASWC can do is to make big dorm activities readily available to students, Naccarato said.

Big campus-wide activities which are sponsored by individual dorms include Warren Peace, the McMillan haunted house and the Warren bachelor auction. By keeping all dorm ASWC officers track, Naccarato can make sure these events run smoothly and attract the entire student body.

This semester Naccarato plans to update the ASWC Constitution, which has not been updated since 2002. She wants to focus on altering the job descriptions so they fit what ASWC officers really do.

Naccarato also wants to create a more open dialogue between students running for ASWC positions. In the past, candidates running for various offices do not expect what duties their job entails. She plans to hold an informational meeting for all the candidates involved informing them about what the specific duties of being an officer are.

World BRIEFS

Iranian leader says oil reserves will run out

State television quoted Iran's leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, saying the country's oil and gas reserves will eventually dry up. Iran produces 4.2 million barrels of oil per day, the second largest exporter of crude oil among the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Khamenei said those who dispute Iran's need for nuclear technology are shallow-minded. Iranian officials previously argued the need for alternative energy sources. The city Tehran plans to produce 20,000 megawatts of electricity through nuclear power plants in the next years.

The United States and its European allies have disputed Iran's nuclear program. Tehran officials say its only for fuel-producing purposes, not nuclear bomb-making.

Portuguese abortion laws may be relaxed

Portuguese Prime Minister Jose Socrates said legislation relaxing the conservative Roman Catholic country's strict abortion law could be approved by the end of March.

Traditionally, Portugal has one of the most restrictive abortion laws in the European Union. Abortion is allowed in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy only if a woman's health is at risk. In rape cases, it is permitted until the 16th week. There is no time restriction if the procedure is the only way of ensuring the mother's survival.

Hunger and malnutrition kill children daily

James Morris, head of the U.N. food agency, said an estimated 18,000 children die daily due to hunger and malnutrition. Eight hundred fifty million sleep nightly with empty stomachs. Morris is an American businessman and former president of the Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment.

Morris said the percentage of hungry and malnourished people has decreased from a fifth to a sixth of the world's population.

Yet, the number of hungry people has grown by about 5 million people a year due to rising population. According to Morris, the largest number of malnourished children live in India, which has over 100 million.

Compiled by Leah Motz

ADJUSTS

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better than to try and bring a bunch of new people on board after it's all been started."

Others argued that elections in the spring reduce the number of students who get to elect their own leaders.

Arend resident and freshman Tyler Hamilton wanted to run for Arend representative this year, but did not have the opportunity because of the change made last year.

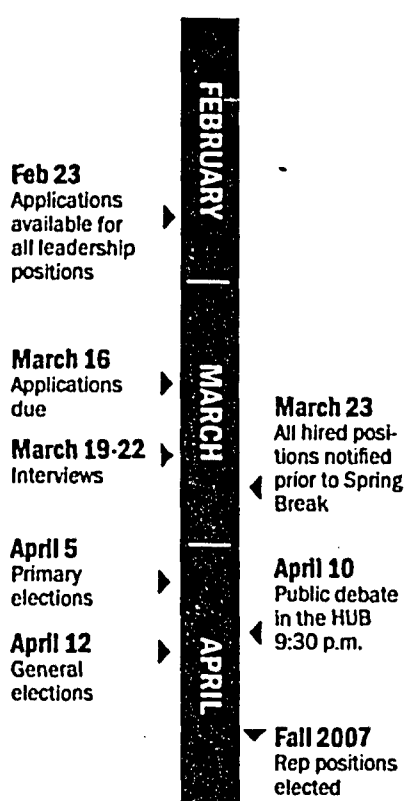
"I saw that other freshmen had the opportunity to run and I didn't," Hamilton said. "I would have run if I had the opportunity to."

Instead, Hamilton has attended every ASWC meeting this past year. He says this is because he enjoys being informed about student policy.

Holding elections in the fall gives freshman more opportunity to run, Naccarato said.

"It's not fair to exclude that group of freshman from being able to be involved," Naccarato said.

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Campus BRIEFS

Applications available at Leadership Fair

The Leadership Fair is an annual event held to inform students on how to be a leader in the 2007-2008 school year.

The event will take place in Lied Square from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the H.U.B. this Friday.

Students there can learn about becoming cultural diversity advocates, medics, summer conference assistants, H.U.B. managers and small group leaders.

Anyone with questions should contact April McGonigal at amcgonigal@whitworth.edu.

Spokane author to read work this Tuesday

Spokane author Jess Walter has written short stories, essays and screenplays. His work has appeared in Newsweek, Playboy, the Washington Post and the Boston Globe. He is the author of four novels. The most recent, "The Zero" was a finalist for the 2006 National Book Award.

Walter will present a reading of his work tonight at 7 p.m. in the Robinson Teaching Theatre. The event is free to all.

Activist and to share ministry with students

Christian activist and peacemaker Shane Claiborne's ministry experience includes a 10 week stint working with Mother Teresa in Calcutta. He is also a founding partner of The Simple Way, a community in North Philadelphia.

In addition, he did graduate work at Princeton Theological Seminary and authored "The Irresistible Revolution." In his book, Claiborne describes a faith rooted in belief, action and love.

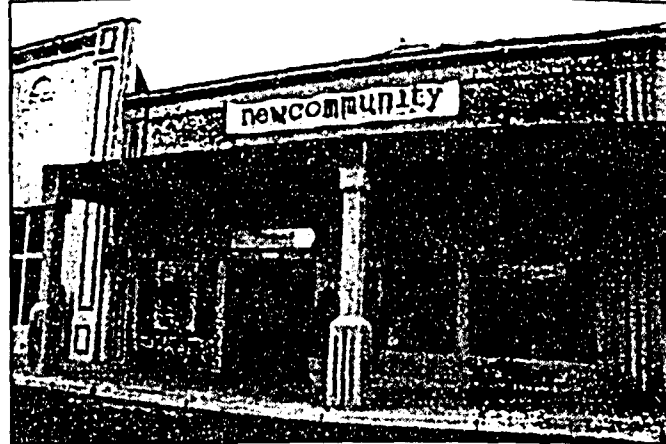
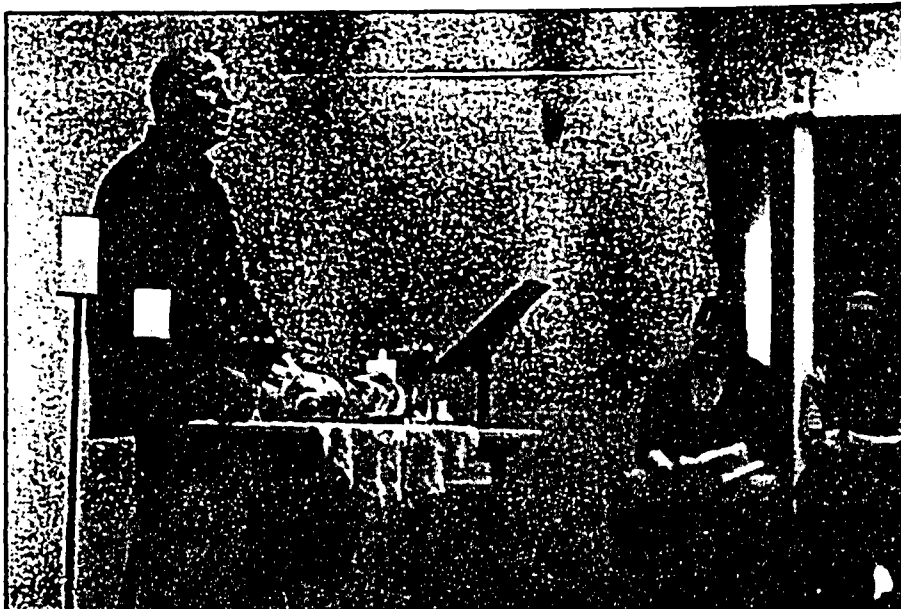
This Thursday at 8 p.m. in the HUB Multipurpose Room Claiborne will share his calling to ministry with Whitworth students. The event is free to all.

Author to speak on history of British slavery

James Walvin, an internationally known authority in the history of slavery and modern British social history, will present a lecture on slavery and western wealth tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Robinson Teaching Theatre.

Walvin's lecture is part of Whitworth's Black History Month program.

Compiled by Leah Motz



Nate Chute/Whitworthian

LEFT: Pastor Rob Fairbanks preaches on a Sunday morning.

ABOVE: New ownership raised the rent on New Community which may force them to change locations.

Local church might relocate

Branden Cate
Staff writer

New Community Church, home to a large number of Whitworth students, may need to relocate. The church, located in a strip mall off the corner of Trent Avenue and Hamilton Street, has been renting its current location for close to six years.

Church elder Pat Arguinchona makes it clear that the church itself may not be moving, but is rather seeking an additional facility, should current negotiations with the new ownership prove unsuccessful.

In addition, another location would meet the needs of the growing membership.

The church currently conducts three services on Sunday.

"It's a packed church, and it would be nice to have a bigger building," Whitworth junior Ben Spaun said.

Assistant pastor Asher Ernst said the current building is now being used seven days a week, as opposed to only one, contributing to the need for more space.

"This is a good opportunity God has given us," Ernst said.

Senior Derek Foote said a church move would have a different feel, but overall a positive effect.

"The change will take getting used to," Foote said.

"We are dedicated to remaining an 'urban' church, and we need to seek God's heart in this," Ernst said. "This is the most flexible church I've ever seen."

Both Ernst and Arguinchona said the church is more concerned about relationships than their choice of building; however, leadership and membership alike realize the practical need for a place to meet each week.

"New Community's leadership is staying

in contact every couple of days," Arguinchona said.

"Even new members that have only been coming for two to three weeks are helping in our search," Ernst said.

"It's necessary for [the church leadership] to wait on God. You never know how God works," Spaun said.

New Community's leaders and members highlight the idea of prayer being essential in moving forward.

A couple hundred Whitworth students will possibly have to adapt to a new location.

"I think it'll be pretty significant; some students have been attending at this location for their whole college careers," Spaun said.

A new location could prove challenging with driving issues. Spaun said in the back of students' minds, they are subconsciously taking into account waking up a half-hour earlier each Sunday.

Dorm to try out new card system

Tim Takechi
Staff writer

Some time next month the residents of Schumacher will be able to use their Whitworth identification cards to unlock and enter their dorm building. This new system comes as a part of a larger transition to implement this security measure on all campus residence halls by fall 2007.

Alan Jacob, assistant director of student housing, said the Board of Trustees last semester appointed a taskforce to decide methods of maintaining proper security in residence halls. The group noted the ID card system is a measure taken by other small peer schools like

Whitworth.

The Board of Trustees' decision to experiment with this system comes as a result of the desire to modernize Whitworth's campus. The phone call harassment problems some female students faced last fall served as a wake-up call to speed up progress.

Jacob said the group contacted a variety of peer institutions such as Gonzaga University, Calvin College, Whitman College and University of Puget Sound to inquire about the practicality of this system. Feedback was positive, Jacob said.

"We weren't going to use a system that bigger schools/universities use," Jacob said. "Right now,

we're looking very closely at one particular set up."

Schumacher residents will have a small antenna device placed inside their ID cards, which a reader on the door identifies. A radio message is sent from the reader to the campus server, which verifies the user's request to lock or unlock the door.

For the sake of convenience, this system uses proximity cards instead of the swipe system, meaning the reader can identify the card just by being within a close proximity of it. The reader is designed to be able to read a card through clothing or backpacks. In this case, students do not even have to take out their cards from their pockets

or bags. No physical application of the card to the reader is necessary.

Once the security system works for the entire campus, all dorm buildings will be permanently locked. However, if they have their ID card, students will not have to worry about having to call security or knock on other student's windows to get in.

"We're going to have it so residents of a building can access their dorm 24-hours a day," Jacob said.

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To learn more about the new card access system see the full story at:
www.whitworthian.com

BJ residents receive Big Threes for drinking alcohol

Candace Pontoni
Staff writer

Approximately 10 Baldwin-Jenkins residents received Big Three's for alcohol consumption during Jan Term break.

During dorm reports at the ASWC meeting two weeks ago, BJ representative Corey Newman said around half the dorm had been busted, according to the ASWC minutes. In another interview, Newman said the rumor was false.

"Some people got in trouble for drinking over Jan Term break, but it was more like 10 people, not half the dorm," Newman said.

Kari Dykehouse, the

resident director of BJ, is prohibited by law to discuss the specifics of any conduct situations regarding her residents, due to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), which limits an administrator's ability to divulge specific aspects of student's educational records.

Dykehouse did affirm that the number of students involved in the incident was fewer than 80.

Newman, who believes the situation was blown out of proportion by other students, said it was an isolated incident.

"It's not like BJ is having crazy parties all the time. It was a one-time

thing, and they got in trouble for it," Newman said. "Most of the time, people here are respectful of the rules, and if they're going to drink, then they do it off campus."

Some BJ residents said they were untroubled by the occurrence and do not take it as a sign of increased irresponsibility. Freshman Niall Trimble is a BJ resident who does not consider alcohol consumption to be a serious issue in his dorm.

"Just like any dorm, there's a small group of people who drink here," Trimble said.

Dick Mandeville, associate dean of students, said while BJ residents are

not more prone to misconduct than students in other dorms, BJ's all-freshmen composition accounts for a more chaotic environment.

"A third of our freshmen are in BJ and freshmen generally are going to be involved in more conduct incidents than upperclassmen," Mandeville said. "That's true here, and that's true at other colleges."

Mandeville affirmed that the purpose of the conduct meeting was to persuade the students involved to change their attitudes.

"We want the behavior to stop, we want learning to take place, we want the student to understand that he or she is not the center of the universe and that their

behavior affects people other than just themselves and we want a reasonable hope that it's not going to happen again," Mandeville said.

Newman also believes the disciplinary actions taken were appropriate and necessary because those involved were disturbing community.

"If you get drunk and puke in the lounge, that's not very respectful to the people who have to continue to live in that lounge, and it's not respectful to the law makers," Newman said. "Despite the fact that people sometimes break the rules, BJ is a great place. We've all bonded, and I love living here."

Several students involved in different crashes

Rosa Gibbons
Staff writer

A three-vehicle crash involving Whitworth students resulted in the death of three people during the icy conditions last month.

Seniors Jonathan Erlenmeyer and Brian Wilkins were driving north on Highway 2 when a van in the southbound lane was rear-ended by a pick-up and slid into their lane. All three people in the van were killed, though Erlenmeyer and Wilkins only had minor injuries.

This was just one of over 80 accidents reported to the Washington State Patrol that day and about 150 were reported the day before, according to an article in the Spokesman Review.

Whitworth '06 graduate Brad Hixson was also involved in a car accident that day. While driving south on Monroe Street, he put on the brakes and began to skid. He slid 40 feet into an intersection, where he collided with a truck, hitting the side door. The front left end of his car was damaged, but "the truck was barely dented," Hixson said.

Many other Whitworth students were involved in car accidents during this past Jan term. On January 14, freshman Candace Pontoni was riding with 24-year-old Mishell Jiles, whose younger brother and sister were in the backseat.

A large pick-up truck headed the other direction began to fishtail and slid over the center line, directly in front of them. Jiles recalls that the truck was horizontal to her, and she thought to turn right to avoid hitting the truck straight-on. After that she does not remember anything until she was woken up by a man ask-

ing her and the other passengers questions. This man and his wife were the first on the scene, and both off-duty paramedics.

When Jiles had hit the truck's bumper, the truck had been pushed up, and then landed directly on top of her small car. Both vehicles were totaled, but the passengers only suffered minor injuries.

"All in all, it's really crazy, but really cool what God has done," Jiles said. "This has given me the opportunity to tell people about it ... they can see people who it looks like should be dead, but who are fine."

Sophomore Kelsey Bumgarner was driving back from Schweitzer Mountain with five other people when her accident occurred.

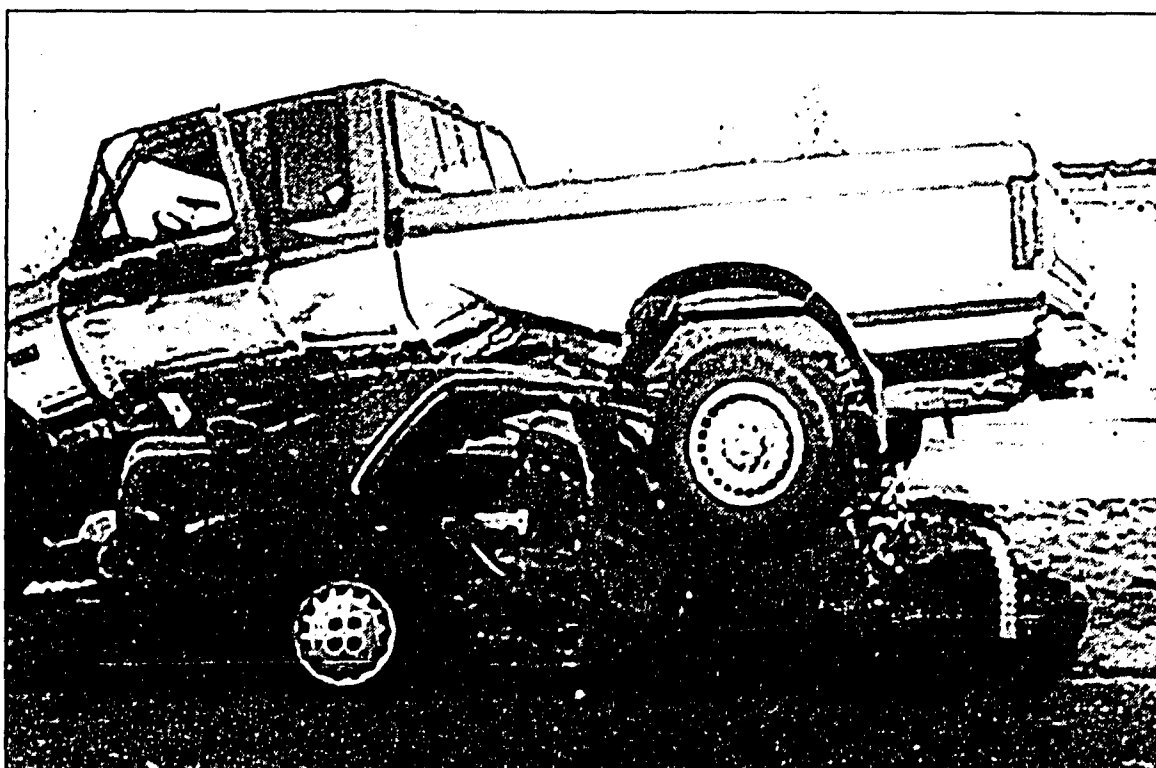
"It was the thirteenth of January," Bumgarner said. "I remember we thought that was funny."

As she was changing lanes, the wheels of the vehicle caught on black ice and they slid over the center line. They barely missed two other vehicles before a Ford truck T-boned the right side and pushed them back to the center of the road.

Senior David Dixon was sitting in the front passenger seat. He had broken his clavicle while snowboarding and was planning to stop at Whitworth and then go to the hospital.

"I can't say for sure whether the accident made it worse or not, but I do know that we were T-boned and that during the accident my neck flung to the left and then snapped back to the right," Dixon said. "I hit my head on the passenger window and had a nice lump for a day after."

When Dixon had initially explained the injury to his father, an orthopedic surgeon, he had told him that the injury would heal on



Photos courtesy of Candace Pontoni

ABOVE: Mishell Jiles's car is crunched beneath a large pick-up truck Jan. 14.

RIGHT: The same car was totaled in the crash all four occupants survived.



its own. By the time Dixon got to the hospital, he needed a two-hour surgery and a six-screw plate to hold his clavicle together.

Junior Merrie Scharf had a somewhat different experience. A friend borrowing her car slid on some ice on Whitworth Drive and hit a snow bank.

The car rolled over, and the girl had to climb out the back. The car was totaled. This has made it difficult for Scharf to get to class, because she is a nursing student, and taking all her classes at the Intercollegiate College of Nursing.

Essays improve college

James Spung
Staff writer

Every year, students are given the chance to propose changes and improvements that they would like to make to Whitworth - and win money in the process - by submitting an essay to the Founder's Day scholarship competition.

The two winning proposals of this year's scholarship, which were announced at Spring Convocation on Feb. 8, focused on facilities for the disabled and departmental exhibitions.

Juniors Betty Gardner and Beth Carlson were selected as the winners of the scholarship for writing the best proposals. Each student received an award of \$1,000 towards her Spring tuition.

"We look at the originality and viability of the idea, and the positive impact it could have on Whitworth," associate professor of education Barb Sanders, who chose the faculty selection committee, said. "We also look at the presentation of the idea, and was the paper persuasive. We decided that the winners had the best ideas."

Gardner's proposi-



BETH CARLSON



BETTY GARDNER

tion dealt with what she perceived to be a lack of personal care facilities on campus for students with disabilities, especially those with hidden disabilities.

"[My essay] was about the lack of private facilities on campus for people who are physically challenged," Gardner said.

Gardner added that people have various hidden disabilities and have to take care of them in private areas that are apparently few and far between on campus. The changes she suggested included roomier restroom stalls with sinks inside.

"Some challenges are not apparent, but there are people with unseen disabilities," Gardner

said. "The compassionate, and probably legal, response is to accommodate them."

Gardner had noticed the lack of these facilities before the invitations to apply for the scholarship

were sent out. She knew immediately what she wanted to propose.

"I went 'All right! A forum for this thing I've been thinking about.'"

Carlson's proposal suggested an event where different departments at Whitworth can exhibit their research and projects.

"My essay was on a departmental highlight program or day, based on

the idea that people get in a department and don't know what's going on in other departments," Carlson, an English-writing major, said.

The idea was inspired by both her general interest in other departments and a conversation she had about the isolation students can experience when they take classes in only one or two areas of study.

"If we're generally here to learn, it's not healthy to be stuck in a box, because you don't really get a broad perspective," Carlson said. "It makes you a better critical thinker."

The invitations to apply for the Founder's Day scholarship were sent to members of the Laureate Society, or students who have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.75 or higher, in the fall semester. Applicants submitted their essays just before Christmas break.

While the winners of the scholarship competition receive financial aid, most of the proposals are sent for consideration to the departments or groups that would be affected, regardless of their plausibility or presentation.

Scholarship inspired by USA Today contest

James Spung
Staff writer

Tremendous pressure is placed on the administration, the faculty, the trustees and staff of Whitworth to continually find ways to improve the college. Nearly a decade ago, the school invited students - the group that may know Whitworth's needs best - to join the effort with the Founder's Day scholarship competition.

"We invited students to submit applications and we were wide open and general in saying, 'You can suggest whatever you want to improve the college in some way,'" professor of communication studies Gordon Jackson said.

The scholarship was inspired by a USA Today scholarship contest in 1999 that asked for great ideas from college students across the nation. The national publication asked Whitworth's administration to invite students to apply.

Some faculty, including Jackson, realized the min-

ute chance of Whitworth students winning the national contest. Instead, they created the Whitworth competition and tied it to the annual Founder's Day celebration that occurs at the beginning of the Spring semester.

Jackson recalls the selection committee received around 20 ideas, and normally around half were strong, viable ideas that would have had a significant impact on the Whitworth community.

"There were many students who took it quite seriously," Jackson said.

Some significant ideas that have been implemented include a recycling program for the dorms, which was proposed for last year's competition, and a greater number of benches on campus.

"I would say that a lot of the good ideas on campus come from student suggestions," associate professor of education Barb Sanders said.

Sanders currently convenes the selection committee.

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IN THE LOOP

An editorial

Insurance costs threaten students

Health insurance. Who cares?
You should.

The United States is faced with a health-care crisis that has never been seen in the country, and current college graduates are right in the middle of it.

An example of a college student was given at a recent on-campus health care discussion. After graduating, he took substitute teaching jobs for almost a year while looking for a full-time position with benefits. During that time, he did not qualify under his parents insurance, yet could not afford to pay for his own thanks to expensive monthly premiums. The graduate went uninsured for the year, leaving him at risk for serious debt if he were sick or injured during that time. The student fell into the category of one of the more than 45 million uninsured in our country.

The millions of uninsured are a major problem, but a second problem is the quality of care. Currently, every state has its own medical licensing standards. This means that medical care in some states is better than care in other states. The United States needs federal standards for doctors and nurses to be licensed by to ensure that consistent care is given across the country. A federal license standard will also allow hospitals to share consistent records over state borders so that if a person moves to a new state, the medical records will be easily understood by every clinic.

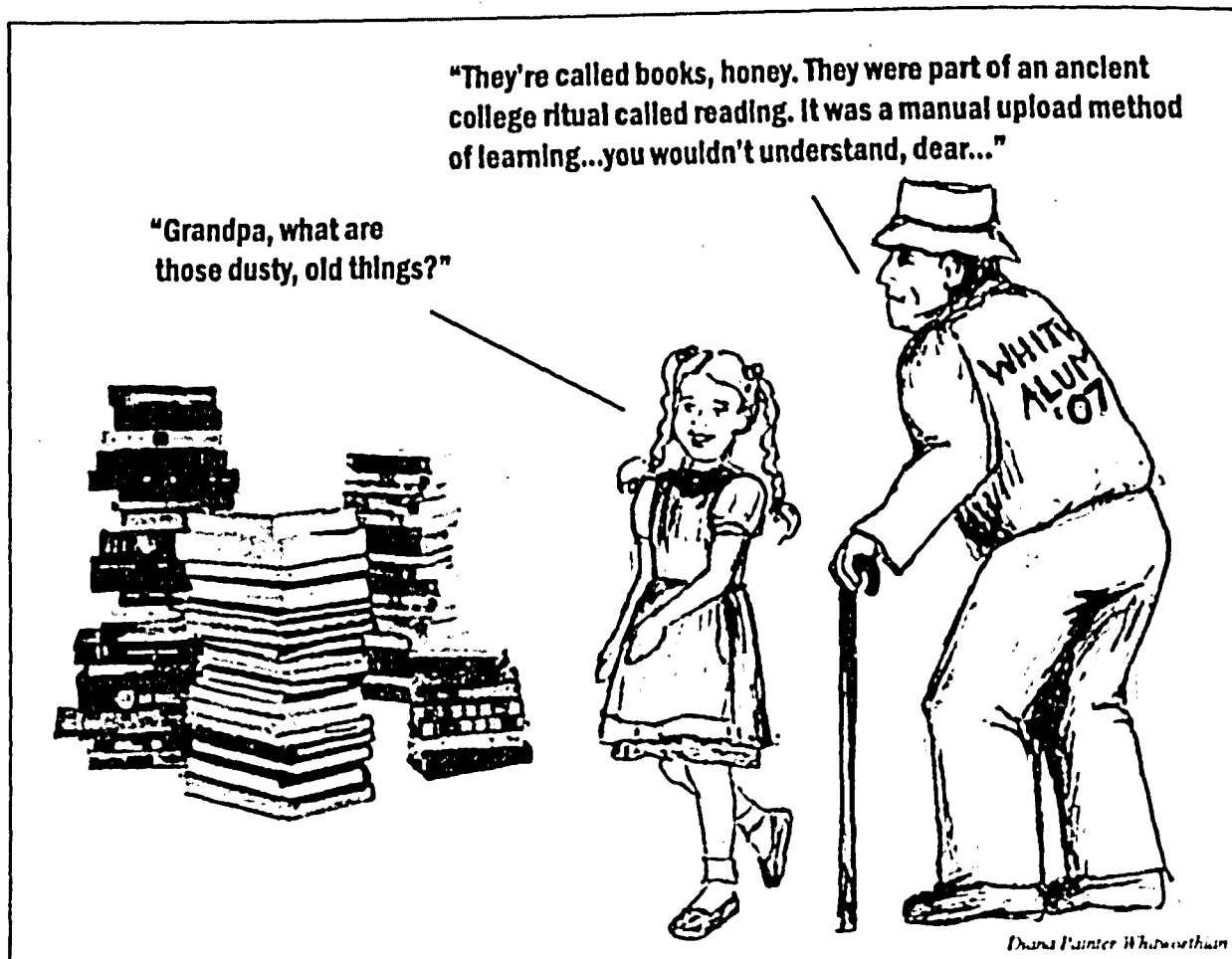
However, the health-care problem only seems to be getting started. In 2011, the average baby boomer will turn 65 and will begin to use more and more health care. They will realize that private health care is too expensive on a fixed income, and boomers will pressure lawmakers to pass bills to help their demographic: the retired and the elderly. While it is important that the baby boomer generation remain covered, it is also important that *everyone* is able to get the medical care they need without going into life-changing debt to secure it.

The health-insurance crisis is very complicated, and there are many reasons premiums have risen quickly and exponentially. But the fact is, young adults need to be proactive in ensuring they have affordable insurance for themselves and future generations.

Voting for comprehensive health care reform does not sound sexy or exciting, but it needs to be a priority for our generation. The country does not need a federal health-care system or a sacrifice by the richest American's to help the poorest. What we do need is a comprehensive plan that will allow Americans to be able to afford health care and medication even when they are out of a full-time job or making the leap from college to the real world.

If the richest country in the world is not helping young adults survive while transitioning into their professional lives, leaving young Americans skeptical of the state and in huge amounts of debt when faced with a health concern they cannot afford.

"In the Loop," written by the editorial board, represents the editorial voice of The Whitworthian.



Stop tossing your books

"And I have traded and borrowed and given textbooks as wedding gifts with the best of them"

SARA
MOREHOUSE
Writer



I didn't obtain my first bookshelf until the fall of my senior year. Needless to say, I've made many Jenga towers with the books I have collected through the semesters.

No matter how much you try to lighten your load and keep everything on your Blackberry, college students end up with enough books to educate a small country.

And what do we do with these precious pages of wisdom?

We do what any self-respecting post modernist would do, we penny pinch on the newest edition of Human Anatomy to splurge on that 20 ounce chai tea latte.

The ultimate goal of many college students regarding textbooks is to get rid of them at the same rate that they come into our possession, if not faster. (To this end, making rich friends one year younger than you in your major is a smart move.) To us snappy young business-people of the future, we see this repetitive trading ritual as a precursor to smart career moves.

We are spoiled by the abundance of books avail-

able to us today.

Classrooms of children in colonial America shared few copies of the New England Primer, while we have scores of engaging literature at our fingertips.

Our generation has never been without a volume on any subject; we take the blessing of books for granted. From the banning of "un-German literature" in Nazi Germany to the burning of "Harry Potter" in a few American Protestant churches, treasured books have faced hostile censorship through the ages. We are not reading what has been won for us.

Our professors spend time reviewing books and experimenting with them to create the ideal reading lists for our classes. After we sulkily buy them, we groan over each page that we read (if we read them at all), and we promptly forget most of what we learned after the Scantron test is dotted.

I understand that the major obstacle to happy book feelings is cost. Whether purchased from our very own Whitworth Bookstore, an eBay final moment bid or a stealthy deal done with cash and a trench coat on the Hello Walk, books are probably the most expensive thing college students buy every year.

I have stood in that line and read every single

greeting card. I have lost many bids to people more desperate or less stingy than I.

And I have traded and borrowed and given textbooks as wedding gifts with the best of them. I am cursing the system under my breath with all of you, but I think that we need to save up, dish out the green, quit whining and invest in the future.

In his book, "An Experiment in Criticism," C.S. Lewis goes as far as saying that people who don't read and re-read their literature well are not to be called true readers at all. He said that these people remove the value from a book after it has served its initial purpose; "it was for them dead, like a burnt-out match, an old railway ticket, or yesterday's paper; they had already used it."

His point brings up a rather enlightened idea ... Let's sit down and read our books again! (Or for some, the first time.) There is so much we are missing and wasting money on by not repeating what we claim to have "learned" in class.

Now, I'm not saying that every math exercise in your Calc III book should be redone, but a quick review never hurt anyone. (Well, it might hurt me to look at Calc III, which is why I didn't

get into those types of majors in the first place.) Your Core books for example: "How the Irish Saved Civilization," "Antigone," "Shantung Compound." — all are great literature, and worth the re-read. Just imagine how fun it would be to simply read the book and not have a test or a paper looming over your shoulder.

I'm not saying that I have completely nailed the philosophy of revisiting all my acquired works; there are books on my shelf that I refuse to read again and would love to sell to you. (Brand spankin' new Introduction to Psychology book anyone?)

But I am trying to partake in the full value of my many manuscripts and I encourage you to try, too.

Maybe your textbook will become a family heirloom someday. And whether that be a sophisticated, yet weathered copy of "Beowulf" or clunky economics texts that serve as building blocks for the grand kids, perhaps you can think back and say that you learned something between those pages.

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Black history more than just a month



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Writer

How many influential African-Americans can you name? If you are like me, the names that come to mind are civil rights activists, musicians (especially rap artists) and basketball players. Oh, and Barack Obama.

Believe it or not, African-Americans have been doing more in the past 200 years than making (awesome) music and marching on the capital. Powerful African-American voices have influenced music (far more than just rap), literature, science, politics, athletics and more. African-American activism did not end with the era of Martin Luther King, Jr. and is not limited to racial issues.

Barack Obama is not the first African-American to influence politics. Since before they had legal permission to do so, African-Americans have been fighting for political changes including, but certainly not limited to, rights for their own communities.

African-Americans have been an influential part of American society for over two centuries, yet their role in American history is a side note in most textbooks.

As an immigrant from South Africa I felt disconnected from the Eurocentric, America-centric version of history I learned in school. I was being taught a history that did not belong to me — my roots do not lie at the Plymouth settlement. My family did not pass through Ellis Island on their way into the country. To me, all this is someone else's story.

Similarly, this is not the story of African-Americans. Unlike my family, though, many African-Americans' families have been in the United States since its inception. Their experience and influence is overlooked in our educational system, which is shaped by a white-dominated system for a majority-white society.

The history, literature, philosophy and religion we learn in school and in society is largely "white history." Consider, for example, the Whitworth Core program.

Supposedly the foundation to a liberal arts education, we are first inundated with the religious drama of white Europe-

ans, then with the Rationalist Tradition, a survey of the deep thoughts of white men throughout history.

The texts we are exposed to are rich and interesting, but this survey of the history of "worldviews" lacks the influence of anyone who is not European, white and probably male.

One of my core professors argued that these were the thinkers that formed the basis for our society's thinking about the nature of reality and God. If we were to try to pull in more diverse voices, argued my professor, we would be hearing from people who did not have the same amount of influence as the thinkers we are currently studying.

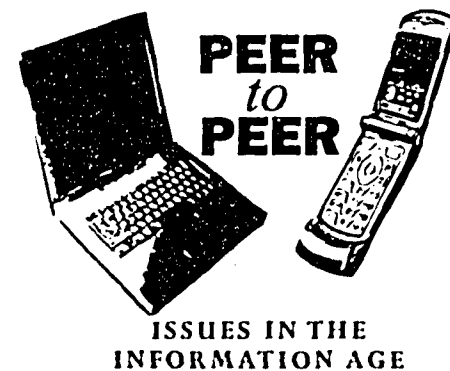
European and later American society has long ignored these voices, but they influence American culture nonetheless. Black history is not just the history of African-Americans. It is an essential part of all our history.

By remaining ignorant to the contribution of African-Americans to our society perpetuates the myth that white men have shaped our history. In reality, a single race and gender would be incapable by itself of forming a culture as rich and diverse as ours. Our education should reflect the fact that we owe different elements of our national identity to a variety of groups.

On the contrary, American culture has been heavily influenced by many groups and individuals that often go unrecognized. Instead our perceptions of groups like African-Americans are based on stereotypes formed by a long history of racial discrimination. As per my observation, our view African-Americans fits what we want to think of them: That black people make rap music, come from the "ghetto" and are overly preoccupied with a past of racism that no longer exists.

These stereotypes are evidence of ignorance. Continuing to marginalize the intellectual contributions of minority groups in favor of teaching what has always been taught guarantees that we will keep looking at ourselves and our world ethnocentrically.

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Apple on the right side of the digital rights debate

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In an open letter posted on Apple's Web site two weeks ago, Apple CEO Steve Jobs called for the music industry to embrace the simplest route for universal usability of digital music files: abandon digital rights management, or DRM, completely. Though the letter is generically titled "Thoughts on Music," Jobs avoids generic thought and instead focuses on the debate over the technology that restricts playback of digital music files.

In Europe, Apple is facing demands from multiple courts that it "open" FairPlay, the DRM format used for files sold in the iTunes Store, over concerns that the relationship between the iPod and iTunes Store is monopolistic. It's true: If Apple shared its DRM format with competitors like Microsoft's Zune, more interoperability would be possible.

It's also a terrible idea for Apple, and Jobs knows it. Opening their DRM format puts Apple under enormous risk of losing the music licenses it holds from the "big four" — Warner, EMI, Sony BMG, and Universal — who together own the rights to more than 70 percent of all music. Apple's agreement with these companies requires that Apple fix any crack that compromises FairPlay within a matter of weeks, or any of the big four can yank their entire catalogs from the iTunes Store. More companies using FairPlay makes more cracks in the system inevitable.

So while yes, Jobs is proposing a massive shift in thinking at a time when it would protect Apple's own interests, users should embrace the end of DRM regardless of motive. Predictably, most music labels support maintaining DRM systems. An anonymous senior record executive quoted by the New York Times said in response to Jobs' letter, "we're not going to broadly license our content for unprotected digital distribution."

Yet there is a legal, DRM-less avenue open to iPod users that the music companies have no problem with people using instead of the iTunes Store — one that people like that anonymous record exec probably have no problem with. In fact, for all their paranoia about a segment of the music market that drives only 10 percent of all music sales, the major recording labels refuse to realize that their industry has been surviving via a digital, DRM-less format for more than a decade already: CDs.

CD albums sold, in the vast majority of cases, are sold without any DRM encoding to prevent the copying of tracks, which is where most of the files that are shared online originate. Files ripped from CD can be copied a limitless amount of times, and at quality levels that far exceed that of files sold in the iTunes Store. Realizing this, Warner has experimented with DRM-free music, expressing interest in moving further in that direction. The site eMusic.com, in partnership with independent labels, sells all its music as DRM-free MP3s.

The rest of the industry, though, like the anonymous executive too afraid to challenge Jobs on the record, has taken up arms against Jobs to defend DRM. Jason Reindorp, a marketing executive in Microsoft's Zune division, called Jobs' DRM perspective "irresponsible, or at the very least naïve."

Others have deliberately misinterpreted his message to cloud the debate. Even though Jobs dismisses the possibility of licensing FairPlay after raising it, the RIAA responded to his letter by enthusing that "Apple's offer to license FairPlay to other technology companies is a welcome breakthrough and would be a real victory for fans, artists and labels ... This would enable the interoperability that we have been urging for a very long time."

More widely-spread DRM will not "enable interoperability" — digital rights management is designed to hamper that exact use. Until more users realize that the only path to true freedom with the files they legitimately own is that which Jobs proposes, the music companies seeking to extort them will use all their power to maintain the status quo.

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Nichole's corner

An honest discussion about your sexual health

This is a column about all things sex. Don't stop reading just yet! You don't even know what I'm going to say.

My three-and-a-half years at Whitworth have taught me many things — none of them sex-related. This is a problem. I'm expected to be a trained professional and, to some, a wise adult starting May 20, 2007, the day I graduate from Whitworth.

My informal research shows that most students here don't even know the best ways to protect themselves from sexually transmitted infections (STIs), diseases (STDs) and unplanned pregnancies.

Maybe people don't like to talk about these very real concerns because of the stigma often attached to sexually-active people, especially at Whitworth. Or, maybe people are too embarrassed that they don't know the answers to these questions in the first place to ask for advice or help.

Either way, that's about to change. I'm sick of people whispering to one another in Saga about so-and-so who just found out she was pregnant or so-and-so who is rumored to have an STI. It's time for sex-ed.

Student Health Center Director Jan Murray said that there is an underlying current of discomfort on campus from sexually-active students who are honest about their choices.

"We've made a conscious effort not to become controversial by doing a whole lot of advertising," Murray said of the services the Health Center provides. "Our intention is to fly under the radar."

But driving the issue of sexual health

underground doesn't prevent anything, Murray said. The negative sexual atmosphere at Whitworth is damaging because students are uninformed about how to protect themselves, she said.

Estimates in 2000 suggest that, while representing 25 percent of the sexually active population, 15 to 24-year-olds acquire nearly half of all new sexually transmitted infections, according to The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP). A combination of behavioral, biological and cultural reasons make sexually-active adolescents and young adults at higher risk for acquiring STIs compared to older adults.

One in two sexually-active persons will contract a STI by age 25, according to the American Social Health Association (ASHA). The leading strategies to prevent STIs are abstinence and consistent condom use.

(FYI, the Health Center has free condoms available in their lobby in Hendrick Hall next to the cold and flu remedy kits.)

However, the ASHA also says, microbicides and vaccines, now being researched and tested, might also be able to prevent these diseases.

Murray said women should not make the decision whether to get the new human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine, Gardasil, based on whether or not they are sexually active. The vaccine can prevent cervical cancer caused by the virus. One in eight women in the United States will be raped in her lifetime; you never know what the future holds, she said.

The ASHA reported that over 6 million people acquire HPV each year.



Most treatment, for any illness or disease, can be done on campus through the Health Center, which carries many prescriptions in-house.

"We're here for everyone, regardless of their background, their religion, or where they're at in their walk with sexual health," Murray said. "[Sexual health is] one spoke in the wheel of wellness and it isn't any greater or less than any other spoke."

I wholeheartedly agree: Health encompasses every part of the body, not just the parts people are more comfortable talking about. That's the whole point of this column.

Each week, I'll feature a different aspect of sexual health right here, including your contributions.

Please help me promote healthier living by sending me your questions and comments.

E-mail me at nbetts07@whitworth.edu and I'll do my best to answer your question, or find someone who can.

For more information on STDs or sexual health, visit these Web sites:

- Center for Disease Control and Prevention www.cdc.gov/std
- American Social Health Association www.ashastd.org
- Planned Parenthood www.planned-parenthood.org

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HUMOR COLUMN

iHip, iCool, iMac: Apple proves it's the apple of my i

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Never trap two nerds together in a small room.

They'll either suffocate under their increasingly obscure "Battlestar Galactica" references, or worse, launch into a knock-down, drag-out, spittle-flecked argument over that ancient question: Mac or PC?

"See, the Windows Service Pack 2 version 1.X patch allows me to overclock my heat sink by a measure of seven parsecs which is more than I can say for your overpriced Mac N' Crash."

"Yeah? Well, if I wanted to frag my registry every time I consistency check my CMOS-BIOS algorithms I'd run your blue-screen ridden piece of MicroCrap, you narcissistic NeoLuddite."

"Frak you!"

Soon the arguments erupt into a bloody gang war between the Mac Daddies and the Windows Media Playas, unleashing 1.21 gigawatts of geek fury. Only when the dust clears does the carnage become clear. Shattered pocket protectors. Singed Magic cards. Bludgeoned skulls that bear the wounds of a plastic lightsaber.

Such tension is only inflamed by Apple's advertisements, which deftly explain the differences between the Macintosh and the Windows computers. See if you can spot the bias.

Mac: Hey. 'Sup? I'm a Mac. I like to play hackysack, throw Frisbees and listen to bands you're not cool enough to have heard of.

PC: I'm a PC! I like to play in traffic and watch "American Idol!"

Mac: You know that guy in your sociology class that never studies but always aces all of the tests? That's me.

PC: I once ate a pickle I found under the back seat of my car!

Mac: In high school, I was voted *Most Likely to Break the Awesome Barrier*. When I was in the stands, our football team never lost a game. There was an extensive application process and a twenty dollar fee to even be seen with me.

PC: I hung out with Band kids!

Yes, Apple's is the age-old story of the underdog who aspires to greatness, and then, once he gets there, turns out to be kind of an arrogant jerk about it.

In developing the Macintosh, Apple used the cunning strategy of creating an interface both attractive and intuitive.

In developing Windows, Microsoft used the even better strategy of idea-stealing from the Macintosh. They moved the Start Bar to the bottom, changed the "Trash Bin" to the "Recycle Bin," and wrote the words "Not a" above "Macintosh," with Sharpie.

People switched to Windows when realized they wanted a computer that could, you know, *do things*. The Macintosh ran a grand total of three games: *Myst*, *Where in the Hell is Carmen Sandiego* and the *ClarisWorks* spreadsheet.

Windows 95, named after the number of Martin Luther's Theses, made creator Bill Gates enough money to afford that solar system he'd always wanted.

Apple responded with the iMac, which took the concept of the personal computer and reinvented it as a personal computer with pretty colors on the outside.

These colors had such delectable names like "Blue Raspberry," "Strawberry Passion Fruit Awareness," "Kiwi Sublime" and "Smoked Salmon."

(Sadly, like M&Ms, each iMac tasted exactly the same.)

No longer were computers clunky bourgeois boxes of drab grey utility! They

were *artistry*, a way for the soul to cast off the shackles of monotony and run naked through the meadow of free expression.

(Most people preferred their meadows of free expression to have more than one mouse button, however, and stuck with Windows.)

Still, the iMac had vaulted Apple beyond the realm of *product*. It was more than just a brand. It was an *idea*. Nay! It was an *iDea*.

The media buzzed about the revolutionary concept of putting an "i" in front of the word Mac. "What does it stand for?" journalists asked.

"It can stand for anything you want!" Apple CEO Steve Jobs said. "Imagination! Ingenuity! Independence!"

The journalists joined in. "Igloo! Ichthyosaur! Ichabod Crane!"

Soon the lowercase "i" went from novelty to ubiquity. Apple launched a slew of iProducts, including the iLand, the iClaudio, the iBuprofen, the iAyeCap'n and the curiously unsuccessful iSoar.

Other companies tried to copy the notion of using a pronoun as a prefix. The world soon saw the YouTube, WiiMote, ourTown, heMan and sheDevil.

Apple's true genius, however, came with the release of the iPod. By enslaving a race of rhythmic shadow people and forcing them to dance in their commercial, Apple proved they were hip enough for hipsters.

Meanwhile, in 2000, the government ordered Microsoft to split in two. "You first," Gates said, and forced the government to divide into three separate but equal branches.

After releasing every single color, size and ethnicity of iPod, Apple needed something new to separate the cultural wheat from the chaff. So recently, they announced their take on the Cell Phone/Camera/Movie Player/Geiger Counter.

Not only will the iPhone feature a built-in GPS, it will actually nag you from the backseat if you speed or talk on your cell phone when driving.

Not only will the iPhone come equipped with a breathalyzer to prevent drunk-dialing, it will even scrawl the obligatory obscenity on your passed-out forehead.

And when you're feeling especially lonely or depressed the iPhone will hold you and let you sob on its shoulders.

Sure, there are some things it *won't* do. It absolutely refuses to call certain girls who, quite frankly, are way out of your league.

And no matter how many times you ask it, it always responds to requests for it to open the pod bay doors with, "I'm sorry, Dave, I'm afraid I can't do that," even if your name isn't even Dave.

Gates, meanwhile, turned his massive fortune to charity, dropping thousands of crates of supplies on Uganda. They were full of free copies of Internet Explorer, which wasn't *exactly* what the starving Ugandans asked Santa for, but it's the thought that counted.

Recently, Microsoft released their latest mutation of the Windows best, *Windows Vista*. Newspaper Editors across the country, however, are secretly hoping that the new operating system fails, just so they can write a "Hasta La Vista" headline.

Such bitter partisanship isn't good for our country. Microsoft and Apple should spend less time fighting each other and concentrate on their real enemies: Intolerance. Hunger. Acne.

If they could work together they could create the ultimate computer. A machine both smug-ridden and bug-ridden. That's tech we can all support.

At least, iKnow iCan.



Follow Bush and win a trip to Iran

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SANFORD
Writer



Bush is at it again. He's begun targeting Iranians in Iraq. Next up: Iranians in Iran. Bush is going to convince you, the American public, that Iran aids terrorists, possesses weapons of mass destruction, is run by a dictator who eats babies for breakfast, and that Iran definitely has nothing to do with oil. He's going to claim the only moral (key word: moral) action for the United States is to save the babies, find the WMD's, kill the terrorists and make sure Iran has nothing to do with their own oil. Here's the kicker: you're going to let him.

How am I so sure? Because you don't really care. Let's be honest: invading Iran won't really affect the average U.S. citizen. In fact, war correlates to a stronger economy thanks to deficit spending. However, the effect in Iran itself will be stark if Iraq is any sign. According to a recent study by Johns Hopkins University, about 655,000 Iraqis have died due to the invasion. Compare that with the more than 3,000 U.S. citizens who have died, and it makes sense that we're ambivalent: war's going to hurt them way more than us. So, you're going to complain about the Bush Foreign Policy to your friends, or you're going to complain about the whiny liberals, but either way, you're going to let Bush invade Iran. Because he's going to save us from Terror.

Sept. 11, 2001, was what, five years ago? Some 2,800 people died that day. In the five years since, the United States casualty count has doubled. And

not one of those 3,000 soldiers has been killed by an al Qaeda operative. In fact, al Qaeda hasn't succeeded in a single plot against the United States since 9/11. They've only tried a handful of times, according to the Bush administration. Some would say their unsuccessful is because of the Patriot Act and the War on Terror. I say it's because there aren't many al Qaeda operatives anyway, and they don't see a reason to attack again; we're already terrified. The fact is it took them eight years to plan a second attack on the World Trade Center after the failed 1993 attempt. So there's a few thousand terrorists shooting the breeze, and yet the most militaristic nation on earth has mobilized its entire military in an incredibly expensive, civil liberties violating, twice as deadly war against them, ad infinitum. You're aware of this war; you authorized it.

Al Qaeda and Iraq aren't really connected, but Bush got his mandate from the support we showed him on Sept. 12. Now, Bush is stretching that mandate again. He's starting to use some of the same rhetoric he used in the escalation preceding the invasion of Iraq. Iraq was aiding terrorists, and threatening democracy and developing weapons of mass destruction. Apparently, Iran is now aiding terrorists in Iraq (or the founding fathers, as Iraqi textbooks will call them), is a constant threat to democracy and is most definitely (Colin Powell is sure this time) developing nukes. So, the logical response is to offer them petty economic incentives, and then bomb them. But that might be a bad idea.

Look at Iran on a map. See their neighbors? See its coastline on the Persian Gulf? See the tiny straight

between Iran and the United Arab Emirates? As my friend Mike wrote in a recent policy paper: Iran probably couldn't beat us in an all-out war, but they could really screw stuff up. For instance, if Iran closes that straight, all oil shipments from the Persian Gulf will be effectively stopped.

It gets worse. The United States standing army is stretched thin. National Guard members (key word: National) are in Iraq already and they're the last to go before a draft. So, there is a likelihood that if the United States invades Iran, you'll get to go. What I'm saying is if you don't want to ensure Iran becomes a democracy just like the United States, you might want to go to Canada now. The borders are already closed, so if you don't have a passport, sorry, and tell Halliburton's Iran office "Hi" for me.

It's really too late now. There's nothing you can do. Writing, calling and e-mailing your congresspeople would be too much work.

Blogging up a storm, creating petitions, making indie films, writing songs, poetry and political satires has never worked in the past. Protesting is so 1960s. Generally speaking, thinking critically and speaking up is really depressing. The best idea is obvious: go wait in security at the Spokane airport — in case Al Qaeda wants to fly to Boise — buy a Spokesman Review, since that paper won't bug you about Iran, and fly to Las Vegas. Get married and have some kids and buy a gun. Especially the gun, because Iran's dictator is running out of babies.

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Sounding Board
Question of the week

Q: Is it too early to start the presidential race?

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Christians bound by legalism

JUSTIN
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Writer



In today's Christian community, there is a tendency to think that if you read your Bible, pray daily, go to church and otherwise play the part of the model "good person," you will instantaneously become a Christian. Forgive me if this is nauseatingly reminiscent of how the Pharisees lived.

The Pharisees lived their lives in strict adherence to a dogmatic code of law and Jesus rebukes them multiple times for their strict legalistic way of life. In one specific case, Jesus breaks one of the traditional laws — the forbidding of work on the Sabbath — in order to heal a man with a paralyzed hand. In doing so, he shows compassion for the man and keeps with the spirit of the law — loving your neighbor — while conflicting with a dogmatic law — working on the Sabbath.

In all these instances Jesus encourages his disciples to live beyond the pharisee's set of laws in a way that fulfills the spirit of Christ's teachings: love the Lord your God and love your neighbor. As John Seely says in his work "Ecce Homo:" "The principle at the same moment that it explains the rules supercedes them."

In the book of Mark, Jesus reminds his disciples of the miracles he had been perform-

ing, i.e. the feeding of the five thousand. He asks them how much food was left over after each miracle. They are able to grasp the literal sense of Christ's question, but they still do not grasp the spirit of the law that he is advocating. After their literal answer, Jesus responds with one of the most tragic questions recorded in the gospels. He asks them, "And you still don't understand?"

In this case, the disciples failed to understand the spirit of Jesus' teaching. His love and provision covered not only the people's need (physical hunger), but went well beyond it with bountiful leftover. This is representative of God's spiritual provision as well. His grace can cover all of our shortcomings — and with much more to spare.

First off, the author wishes to make no assumptions as to the respective beliefs of the readers, but is writing specifically to those who hold to some form of Christianity. This said, those who do consider themselves to be Christians would be wise to consider why they do the things they do. Is the motive for doing something widely considered "holy" or not doing something considered among Christian circles to be "wrong" simply stemming from a desire to be seen as "holy" or more Christian? Or does this sort of behavior come from a genuine conviction to do, or not do, certain things?

The disciples throughout the gospels are blinded by a pre-existing set of expectations, especially in their expectations of the Messiah's character. The radical nature of

Christ's teachings seems to be overlooked in today's Christian society. We, like the disciples and even like the Pharisees, tend to become caught up in our pre-conceived notions of how we ought to act in order to be "good" and want to think that by doing legalistically what is considered "right," we can somehow become better, more righteous people.

In Ecclesiastes, the Philosopher (thought to be King Solomon) advises Christian young people to "do what you want to do, and follow your heart's desire. But remember that God is going to judge you for whatever you do." This statement reinforces Jesus' teaching of the spirit of ethical behavior as opposed to the legalistic adherence to a code of behavior.

The present Christian community would do well to remember these teachings of Jesus and rather than assume the role of the "holy" Christian, examine their hearts before God. He encourages us to follow our hearts desires, but to be mindful of their consequences. We should then act in accordance with Christ's word and be aware of the motives of our actions. If we act out of a sense of duty and not genuine conviction, what reason do we have to keep on that pretense? For if our motivation comes not from God, where does it come from?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: "Whitworth students ignorant to the reality of homosexual culture"

Homosexuality article offensive

I am writing in response to comments made in Rachel Carr's December article concerning homosexuality — comments that I considered disrespectful and offensive.

Carr included statements made by Mike Nelson that accused Whitworth students of being judgmental and ignorant regarding homosexuality because they come from "uncultured backgrounds, such as the Midwest, or Ellensburg, Wash." Nelson made pejorative statements suggesting that these uncultured individuals in question were all farmers, and that farming is useful only as much as it "gives a task to the hicks." If these statements were not so wildly disrespectful, one could hardly take them seriously. They exhibit a total lack of concern for the people who support the rest of our country by working the land. And is it not

ironic that as Nelson and Carr advocate for cultural diversity, they ridicule and demean these people in the process? After all, farmers and Midwesterners are part of our diverse culture, too. Are Carr and Nelson advancing or hindering respect for cultural diversity by portraying these real people in such demeaning and de-humanizing ways?

There are many Christian students at Whitworth — including myself — who believe that homosexual acts are outside of God's will. These students come from a variety of cities and backgrounds, but they share one thing in common: They are all trying to take the biblical witness seriously. Nelson implicitly asserted that people have no right to form judgments regarding homosexuality — a claim with which I radically disagree. Although it is fashionable to claim that the Bible categorically commands Christians not to make judgments, this claim is patently false. The Bible warns us about judging haughtily and without humility, but there are many cases where we are commanded to make judgments. As the Apostle Paul says, "watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned" (Romans 16:21). Paul

explicitly warns Christians to set themselves apart from teaching that runs contrary to orthodoxy. Jim Edwards said it best in the most recent issue of "Theology Matters" when he said, "There is a right and Christian kind of judgment that guards the purity of doctrine and morality so that the gospel maintains its saving efficacy, and so that the faith maintains a positive witness to those outside it."

Contrary to what Nelson and Carr think, Christians who believe that homosexual acts are immoral are trying to exhibit love in the fullest way possible — love that takes into concern more than just people's feelings, but the truth of the gospel as well. Robert A.J. Gagnon was correct in his lecture last year when he said, "This is not a discussion about whether or not to love, but it is a discussion about what form love should take."

Christians must continue to follow the command to love, but as we attempt to do so, let us never embrace an incomplete form of love that undermines the gospel and the Scriptures.

Stephen Hess
Senior
Religion

By the NUMBERS

Iraq conflict facts and figures

655,000

The number of Iraqi deaths due to the current conflict in Iraq, estimated by a United Kingdom medical journal.

**100,00 to
150,000**

Deaths the Iraqi government has reported since the beginning of the U.S. invasion.

2,300

More than 2,300 Iraqis died each month in October, November and December 2006.

2 million

The number of Iraqi civilians living as refugees outside the Iraq border.

62,473

The number of Iraqi families that have been displaced since the initial U.S. invasion.

22,000

The number of U.S. soldiers who have been injured in Iraq since the initial U.S. invasion.

3,000

The number of U.S. soldiers who have died in Iraq since the initial U.S. invasion.

\$10 billion

The amount of taxpayer money squandered in Iraq according to auditors hired by the U.S. government. The auditors warned that more money is at risk without more accountability.

**\$8.6
billion**

The average cost per-month of the war in Iraq for the United States during the 2006 budget year.

Compiled by Peter Burke
Information courtesy of:
www.washingtonpost.com
www.bbc.uk



Robert and senior Michael Vander Giessen talk before Chapel at The House of Charity last Saturday morning.



TOP: Freshman Lindsey Oakes, Simone, freshman Scarlet Ponder, freshman Sophie Barron and freshman Tracy Schwada take a tour through the streets of downtown Spokane. TOP MIDDLE: The group takes tour through Women's Hearth. TOP RIGHT: Jerry Schwab introduces the group to The House of Charity. MIDDLE: Chris ties a hemp bracelet he made on a student's wrist. ABOVE: Burton is captured on camera.

URBAN PLUNGE

Julie Woolton
Staff Writer

URBAN Statistics

6,024
homeless people in
Spokane

21.3 percent
of the homeless popu-
lation is made up of
minorities

\$2,013.12
average income for
homeless households

32.2
the average age of the
homeless

\$2,013.12
average income for
homeless households

Information courtesy of the City
of Spokane Continuum of Care
Plan for the Homeless 2006

Urban Plunge was organized by senior class coordinator Denise Randle. Jerry Schwab, Community Connections Coordinator at The House of Charity, led Urban Plunge.

Randle participated in an Urban Plunge experience during Jan Term in professor of political science Julia Stronks' Poverty and Community Development class. Students had the opportunity to see people who were homeless and to hear their experiences first-hand.

Urban Plunge was originally geared towards seniors as this month's senior class activity, but then the event was opened up to underclassmen. Randle said that she did not want to turn anyone away.

"The senior class theme is 'Leaving a legacy for the next generation' at Whitworth University, so I want underclassmen to see the homeless situation now so that they might get involved in the next four years," Randle said. "I hope that the experience reveals a new perception about the homeless."

Stronks' class visited charities such as Christ Kitchen, The House of Charity and Cup of Cool Water in downtown Spokane.

"The House of Charity allows the homeless to speak and share their stories," Randle said. "The House of Charity works with other organizations

to create a bridge allowing the homeless to go to different organizations and have access to more resources."

Randle said that it was overwhelming to see people living in the streets and sleeping in the snow.

"We saw what the City of Spokane is doing about homelessness and what still needs to be done," Randle said. "I developed a sense of commitment to the community of Spokane."

Randle said many homeless people are making an effort to find a job, but often run into obstacles to being hired such as having a limited education and no permanent home address.

Also, simply finding a place to sleep at night can be a challenge.

"Shelters can only house so many people and they are only required to let everyone in if it is below 5 degrees outside," Randle said. "I cannot imagine what it would be like to sleep outside in 5 degree weather and it seems ridiculous. The City of Spokane is working on raising the requirement to 15 degrees."

Randle was excited that other students were able to experience the Plunge.

"The Urban Plunge experience with my class forced me to tear down my perceptions about the homeless," Randle said. "There was a seed planted in me and I am interested in influencing policy regarding the homeless."

Depending on the student response to this month's Urban Plunge, SERVE may offer another Urban Plunge experience this spring for all interested students.

EVENT INFO

Thirteen students spent Feb. 16-17 at The House of Charity in downtown Spokane.





Students meet the homeless downtown

Dozens lined Pacific Avenue at 7:30 a.m. Saturday morning for breakfast at The House of Charity. Others, exhausted from a night of wandering, fell asleep on benches inside the building.

I participated in an Urban Plunge last Friday night through Saturday afternoon with a group of 12 Whitworth students. Our experiences gave us a better sense of homelessness in downtown Spokane and the resources available to the homeless.

Friday arrival

We first were introduced to our Urban Plunge leader Jerry Schwab, Community Connections Coordinator at The House of Charity.

Schwab graduated from Gonzaga University with a bachelor's degree in psychology. He also has master's degrees in psychology and counseling and a Ph.D. in educational leadership. He became involved in helping the homeless through First Presbyterian Church.

We met in a conference room and shared our expectations for the experience. Some people, including myself, had some anxiety about getting outside of our comfort zones and breaking down stereotypes about homeless people.

The House of Charity has 108 beds for men. There is no guarantee of a bed, and men must sign up daily. It also provides mail and phone services and a clothing room with a computerized inventory. Several other shelters sleep women and children at night, although many come to The House of Charity during the day. The Hope House has about 50 beds and sleeps single women.

Schwab said many homeless people wander at night and sleep during the day when it is safer.

The House of Charity relies on donations to supplement a \$3,000 annual budget.

Schwab addressed questions and gave a preview of what we might experience while interacting with people in the shelter.

"You can receive riches and abundance in this building," Schwab said. "You are here to be the receiver and an equal. Your charge is to be present, not to change stuff."

He said drug and alcohol problems and physical or mental disabilities account for some of the reasons people become homeless.

Trust is a key issue and some people at the shelter have never been able to trust anyone in their lives, Schwab said. Some develop trust in others for the first time at The House of Charity.

"Some people here have a lack of trust as the result of

Reasons for homelessness

Most common reasons for homelessness based on data collected from 4,413 homeless adults in Spokane in 2005:

- Lack of income 11.3 percent
- Family conflict 7.77 percent
- Domestic violence 9.04 percent
- Alcohol or drug use 4.1 percent
- Lost job 4.1 percent
- Relocation or eviction 3.46 percent
- Mental health issues 3.15 percent



The group crosses the street while taking a walking tour of downtown Spokane last Friday.

dependency," Schwab said. "Some are not yet independent and they attach to substances, not people."

Walking tour of Spokane

After Schwab's introduction to homelessness, we set out for a two-hour walking tour observing life in downtown Spokane.

We saw the contrast between the beauty and extravagance of places like The Davenport and the low-income housing that surrounds it.

One of the places we walked through was the Otis, a low-income housing facility. The Otis was built as a hotel in the early 1900s.

We observed the atmosphere at the Otis — the scents, the noise of wrestling on T.V. and run-down hallways with common bathrooms.

After returning to The House of Charity, we slept on the floor in the conference room.

Saturday interaction

One of the most meaningful parts of Urban Plunge was interacting with the homeless who were utilizing the services provided by The House of Charity. On Saturday, we split into smaller groups and chatted with people in the cafeteria over meals.

Each person had a unique story about how they ended up homeless. For some, homelessness had been a part of their lives for more than 10 years, but others saw it as temporary.

"This is just a stepping stone to the next stage in my life," one man said.

Getting the conversation started was the hardest part, but the rest of the conversation came relatively easily. Many people were genuinely friendly and kind and were willing to share their experiences and offer advice.

I listened to one man's story of his childhood living in a foster home. He told us about his experience trying to learn Spanish in eighth grade and how learning in the school environment did not come naturally for him. However, he said if he could, he would love to go back to school and continue his education.

He attended University of Montana, worked as a car mechanic and then at an insurance company.

The man said he became addicted to meth after moving to Spokane and has overdosed five times. He showed us his recent hospital wristband.

The brutal honesty of this man struck me. He told us he was open to any questions that we wanted to ask. He said during the day, he hangs out with "rough" people and drinks.

"My goal everyday is just to survive," he said.

Each person I talked to had unique circumstances — one man spending all of his money on prescription medications, one man became homeless "running away from the law for five years" and one man became homeless after a divorce.

Chapel service

Before lunch, we went to the chapel service in a small room next to the cafeteria and read and discussed Psalm 90 with several homeless people.

The speaker in chapel was a former art history professor at Eastern Washington University. She took care of her father when he was ill. After developing back problems, she began using narcotics, some of which were prescribed for her father.

After going through detox and rehab several times, she tried living in several apartments but she moved out after finding out drug use was rampant. She was planning to live with several friends, but some of them relapsed back into heroin use.

Her main message was you do not know what is going to happen in life and homelessness can happen to anyone.

Reflection

On Saturday afternoon, we took another walking tour of Spokane and looked at an apartment complex, the Spokane Dream Men's Discipleship and the Women's Hearth.

After we arrived back at The House of Charity, we had a "check-out" time to reflect on our Urban Plunge experience.

"The issues surrounding homelessness were complex for me before this experience, and I went into the Plunge expecting to have those issues simplified for me and wrapped up in a cute little package that I could understand and solve," junior Kathryn Melvor said. "But homelessness isn't just an issue; homelessness is also people, and I learned this weekend that you can't simplify and solve people. What we can do is love people and respect people, and as Jerry put it, have a 'gift exchange' — be a part of their lives and let them bless ours too."

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Whitworthian



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Communities in Crisis

Art inspired by Katrina relief work

Bethany Hergert
Staff writer

Associate professor of art Gordon Wilson drew from his experiences helping with relief organizations as his inspiration for his recently opened exhibit.

Wilson, a professor at Whitworth since 1978, used a summer grant and sabbatical time to create this group of artwork which combined drawing, painting and figure drawing.

The exhibit, entitled "Communities in Crisis," was heavily influenced by a trip Wilson took last Jan Term with Whitworth students and faculty to aid with the hurricane relief in the southern United States. Several pieces also portrayed his experiences in El Salvador in Fall 2006, where he helped a community improve its water system.

Wilson's primary goal in this exhibition was to portray, in an artistic medium, how humanity deals with suffering and loss.

"Artwork about the human condition interests me most," Wilson said.

Wilson had the opportunity to explore this when he was asked to take a group of students on a trip to provide relief to victims of Hurricane Katrina. Michael LeRoy, vice president of academic affairs, asked Wilson to oversee this trip with Andrea Donahoe, a visiting psychology professor.

Wilson and Donahoe took 18 students to the areas of Biloxi and Gulfport, Miss., two areas heavily devastated by the storm. While there, they put roofs on houses and did other service-oriented jobs such as distributing food and other necessities to victims. They also traveled to Jackson, Miss., where they worked with the Perkins Center helping with the emotional damage that people suffered from losing everything to the storm.

"We were frustrated when we got to Jackson because it was a lot more difficult

to rebuild in a spiritual way than to just put a roof on a house," Wilson said.

The devastation the storm caused was shocking for Wilson, but the way in which people survived having their lives scattered was most interesting to him.

Many of the homes they saw were demolished down to the steel support rods that had once held the houses together. While previewing what the Jan Term trip would entail by visiting the area in which they would be working, Wilson saw random items that had once belonged to the homeowners balanced atop these beams. This inspired one of his gallery pieces, titled "Sentinels, Gulf Port."

"We saw these salvaged objects on the tops of these pillars," Wilson said. "They were almost like a symbol of hope. When we came back in January, they were still there. It was as if they were sacred objects that no one wanted to touch."

Sophomore Kyle Navis was one of the students who took the Jan Term trip with Wilson and was at the gallery's opening. Having seen the artwork, Navis feels that though only first-hand experience can perfectly instill in a person what they encountered, Wilson's artwork encapsulated many of the sentiments felt during their time in Mississippi.

"I think that the pictures begin to capture some of the more poignant emotions that you go through when you get to the coast and find little semblance of what it once was," Navis said. "It doesn't quite capture just how devastating the hurricane was. Only going there can really imprint that on you."

Wilson's trip to El Salvador was very different than his Jan Term experience. Instead of repairing something that was ruined, he was creating something new for the community he helped: a source of clean water. Wilson did this mission trip through Living Water El Salvador, but it was the

"Art helps us to be more human."

Gordon Wilson,
Associate professor of art



Image courtesy of Gordon Wilson

A drawing from "Communities in Crisis," associate professor of art Gordon Wilson's recently-opened exhibit. This piece, entitled "Mississippi Attic Dwellers #2," depicts sophomore Kyle Navis and junior Kyle Rifenbery working on the roof of a house. Senior Krystle Stucky and junior Mary Trotter are the figures sleeping in the center of the drawing. Wilson's exhibit was inspired by the 2006 Jan Term class that worked to repair damage done by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

members of the community who most aided him while there.

"We were the inferior people learning how to do these things from the native people," Wilson said. "They were helping us help them."

The pieces from this experience portray people he came in contact with in a realistic form.

Wilson's hope was to depict them exactly as he had experienced them. Wilson hopes to do more mission-oriented trips in the future and feels as though these kinds of experiences that he can express through art are his way of expressing a view of humanity.

"I do believe art is important, that art helps us to be more human," Wilson said.

Huckleberry's: natural and delicious

Joy Bacon
Scene editor

Where else can one stop provide you with all-natural meat, organic produce, fresh flowers, a bottle of wine and the latest guide to vitamins and supplements? Don't look farther than Huckleberry's Natural Market on Spokane's South Hill.

This store is more than just a full-service grocer. The market has a little something for every interest, including fresh sushi, an international bakery, and monthly beer and wine tastings.

"We have a lot of odd things you can't find anywhere," store manager and '91 alumnus Monica Hampton said. "We have a little bit of something for everyone."

The flagship store was opened in 1996 by Rosauers Supermarkets

and was the first in the city to offer natural and organic seafood, produce, meats and dairy products.

The expanded store now also offers personal care and beauty products and a holistic healing corner. Over 20 satellite locations have been added to Rosauers stores across the Northwest.

Associate professor of theology Karin Heller began shopping at Huckleberry's when she moved to Spokane four years ago. Another professor recommended the store for its international selection, especially the cheeses.

"The quality of food is closer to French food, and it is better for my health," Heller said.

The popularity of organic products has sprung up in the last few years, Hampton said.

"Their popularity is becoming more mainstream. It's good because more organics are getting out there," Hampton said.

Heller prefers organic products and is familiar with them because of their widespread use in Europe.

"Organics have an emphasis on protecting the environment, and I'm used to that," Heller said. "You should love organic food and be able to taste the difference for yourself."

In addition to a strong organic selection, Huckleberry's also utilizes local farmers and products.

Products are labeled with a special sticker indicating if they are produced in the Pacific Northwest.

"We try to support [local farmers] by buying their products and doing things in the local community," Hampton said.

Another unique experience offered by the store is the 9th Street Bistro. This take-out area makes its menu from scratch and includes omelette, pasta and juice bars as well as a full espresso selection.

Patrons can sit and enjoy the food or grab something to take with them.

For those looking for natural products outside of just food, Huckleberry's is still leading the pack.



PLACE

Huckleberry's
Natural Market

Address:
926 S. Monroe St.
Spokane, Wash.
99204

Telephone:
(509) 62-1349
Store hours:
7 a.m.-10 p.m.

ORGANICS

Farms have to meet the following standards to earn the label "organic":

- Prohibit the use of genetically modified organisms and irradiation
- Employ positive soil building, conservation and manure management
- Refrain from antibiotic and hormone use in animals
- Sustain animals on 100 percent organic feed
- Avoid contamination during the processing of organic products
- Keep records of all operations

Information courtesy of
www.organicconsumers.org

'Annie' sweeps through town, thrills

Blair Tellers
Staff writer

Last Thursday night at the INB Performing Arts Center, the headmistress of a New York City home for girls slumped down behind a disorganized desk and wailed disdainfully over her charges, comically slurping on a flask in between notes.

"Lucky me, lucky me, everywhere I look I see ... *LITTLE GIRLS!*"

Miss Hannigan, famed archnemesis of America's favorite orphan, cackled in self-pity during a villainous number in the opening night of WestCoast Entertainment's brand new production of *Annie*. Played by acclaimed Broadway actress Alene Robertson, the actress said despite her character's disgust for all things little, she is delighted to be sharing the stage with children.

Robertson played her role with great panache, bringing just the right touch of illustrious debauchery and tyrannical crudeness to her role, making Miss Hannigan the stand out counterpart to the cheery and stubbornly optimistic Annie.

"That's enough fresh air for today, kids," she hissed during Act I, waving for the girls to get away from the door after allowing them to breath clean air for ten seconds.

Replacing the every controversial Kathy Lee Gifford who played Miss Hannigan in the last season of "Annie," Robertson has received considerably better reviews.

Originally brought to Broadway by its lyricist Martin Charnin in 1977, this is the show's 30 running year. "Annie" is recipient of seven Tony Awards and continues to be one of the most successful musicals ever, boasting some of Broadway's most memorable scores such as "It's the Hard-Knock Life," (yes, Jay-Z borrowed that phrase for his re-mix), "Easy Street," "N.Y.C.," and "Tomorrow."

"Annie" tells the story of a bright and plucky orphan who goes from rags to riches, finally discovering solace in the arms of billionaire Daddy Warbucks, a self-made man whose heart is softened when the ever buoyant redhead is randomly selected by his lovely assistant Grace Farrell to spend Christmas in his mansion.

Set in the 30s, "Annie" has been described as a fanciful romp through the depression era in New York City. The dialogue itself is



Annie, played by Marissa O'Donnell, stands to sing one of the show's numbers with dog Sandy, played by Lola, faithfully at her side. "Annie" played at the INB Performing Arts Center this past weekend.

Photo courtesy of Chris Bennion

laced with political satire but comes overflowing with enough jolliness and optimism to make even a Hooverville look inviting.

"Nothin' in your pockets?" Annie exclaimed to a crowd of garbage toting Hooverville-ites. "Well now ya got room for your cold hands!"

Annie herself is tremendously talented and animated. Played by Melissa O'Donnell, she has the vocals capable of reaching high

notes in songs like "Tomorrow" and the acting experience to not be too over-the-top.

It's the mischievous group of scarily talented little girls, however, that completely captivated the theatre with their sassy antics and darling dance numbers. During songs like "It's a Hard Knock Life," they had the stage entirely to themselves and dominated it with impressively commanding presence, proving to be the life and spark of "Annie."

Nearly upstaging Annie herself along with the entire company of actors was scene stealer and youngest actress Anastasia Korb. Only six years old, Korb is barely 3-foot-5 and easily had the audience eating out of her tiny palm every time she pranced out onstage.

THEATER REVIEW

Annie

★★★★

Performances:

Ran Feb. 15-18

Starring:

Melissa O'Donnell (Annie), Conrad John Shuck (Daddy Warbucks)

New album from The Shins proves worthy of long wait

Caleb Knox
Staff writer

It's been four years since their last album and three years since they changed Natalie Portman's life in "Garden State."

The Shins are back on top of the music world with their new album, "Wincing The Night Away." Released on January 23, "Wincing" debuted at No. 2 on the Billboard 200 chart, their highest debut ever.

Let's not mince words here: The album is phenomenal. If The Shins are a modern-day Weezer, this is their "Pinkerton." If they're Pink Floyd, this is their "Dark Side of the Moon." Instead of capitalizing on their Zach Braff-induced fame, they waited four long years between albums. The result? A carefully-crafted masterpiece, as solid from top to bottom as some of the top albums of the past decade.

Singer/songwriter/guitarist James Mercer,

keyboardist/guitarist/bassist Marty Crandall, lead guitarist Dave Hernandez and drummer Jesse Sandoval held their cards close to their chest while recording the album. Track by track they reveal their hand, starting with what should become an intro for the ages in "Sleeping Lessons." It starts off nearly inaudible, and then opens further and further until it explodes into an energetic standout track.

The epic disc that follows could be described as the result of The Shins meeting Echo and the Bunnymen and Joy Division for a round of cold ones. In addition to the strength of the songwriting, producers Mercer and Joe Chiccarelli (Beck, U2) should be proud.

They've kept all of the aspects that made The Shins' previous albums (2001's "Oh, Inverted World" and 2004's "Chutes Too Narrow") great, but coursing through it all is a hollow, almost 1980s sound. Melancholy is permitted to seep in, but depression is not. Each track is tethered in reality by either the lyrics or the jolliness of the music.

Perhaps the best example is the first single, "Phantom Limb." Driven by Mercer's trademark voice and one prominent tambourine, this sing-along is jam-packed with cheerfully melancholy lyrics, backup vocals by Anita Robinson

of Viva Voce, and enough "whoa-oh"s to drown a horse. The fairly obtuse lyrics seem to be about the awkward end to an awkward high school romance, but you can't help but sing along with a smile on your face.

Most of the lyrics on the album are nearly incomprehensible, as has become The Shins' *modus operandi*. In "Red Rabbits," a tune that sounds like it was ripped off of a Velvet Underground record, Mercer croons, "Out of a gunysack fall red rabbits into the crucible to be rendered an emulsion." If those lines were written by almost anyone else, you'd want to throw the songwriter down the stairs. But Mercer consistently pulls off such pretentious wordplay with a sort of "aw, shucks" demeanor that makes you want to pull him into a headlock and give him an affectionate noogie.

The highlights on this album are too numerous to mention. From the almost-jovial melancholy of "Turn On Me" to the delightfully-bizarre R&B beat of "Sealegs" (perhaps the weirdest track in The Shins' arsenal), there is something here for everyone to love. This album should be considered the early front-runner for "Album of the Year 2007," and music fans should be asking themselves not "should I pick up this album," but "how soon can I get to the record store?"



MUSIC REVIEW

The Shins

★★★★★

Album: "Wincing the Night Away"

Band members: James Mercer, vocals/guitar; Jesse Sandoval, drums; Marty Crandall, key-board; Dave Hernandez, bass

Genre: Indie

City LIFE

MercyMe stops in Spokane Arts Center on tour

MercyMe will perform with Audio Adrenaline this Friday at 7 p.m. at the INB Performing Arts Center.

The Coming Up to Breathe tour is raising funds for The Go Foundation, an organization that connects Christians with missions opportunities.

MercyMe's album "Coming Up to Breathe" was nominated for Best Pop/Contemporary Gospel Album at the 2007 Grammy Awards.

Tickets range from \$17.50-\$35 and can be purchased at www.ticketwest.com or at the door.

Rascal Flatts dropping by Spokane Arena

Country sensation Rascal Flatts and special guest Jason Aldean will perform Wednesday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Spokane Arena.

Rascal Flatts' album "Me and My Gang" is currently No. 3 on the Billboard charts.

The single "What Hurts the Most" was nominated for Best Performance by a Duo or Group and for Best Country Song at the 2007 Grammy Awards.

Tickets cost \$59.75 and are available at www.ticketwest.com or by calling 509-325-SEAT.

Concert tonight aids Darfur victims in Sudan

The Young Musicians Benefit Concert is today at 7 p.m. at CenterStage. The event was organized by students from Lewis and Clark High School.

The caberet-style evening will offer food and beverages for purchase.

All proceeds will go towards victims of the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan. For more information call 509-74-STAGE. Cost is by donation.

Blue Collar comedy tour features Engvall

Bill Engvall, famous for his "Here's your Sign" comedy routine and his role in the Blue Collar Comedy tour will be performing March 2 at 8:00 p.m. at the UNB Performing Arts Center.

Tickets to the show are \$32 and are available by calling 509-325-SEAT or at www.ticketwest.com

Compiled by Joy Bacon

A&E BRIEFS

Staged reading based on real-life Spain

There will be a staged reading this Wednesday in the HUB multipurpose room at 7 p.m. Jean-Claude's drama "The Controversy of Valladolid" showcases a real life debate of 16th century Spain. The play is based on the writing of these real-life Spaniards.

Lecture to be given by cabinet member

Maurice McTigue will be lecturing in the Robinson Teaching Theatre this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. on "Government Accountability and a More Demanding 21st Century Society." McTigue was a member of the New Zealand Parliament. McTigue is the chair of the cabinet's Expenditure Control Committee and presently teaches at George Mason University in Virginia.

Compiled by Kelly MacDonald

Weekly EVENTS

TUESDAY | FEB. 20

- Service-Learning Fair, 9:30 a.m. in Lied Square
- Jess Walter reading, 7 p.m. in Robinson Teaching Theatre
- Gordon Wilson exhibit, Koehler Gallery

WEDNESDAY | FEB. 21

- Jan Term study abroad fair, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in HUB multipurpose room
- Ash Wednesday Mass, 6:45 p.m. in Seeley G. Mudd chapel
- Staged reading, 7 p.m. in HUB multipurpose room

THURSDAY | FEB. 22

- Lecture, 7:30 p.m. in Robinson Teaching Theatre
- Lecture, 8 p.m. in HUB multipurpose room
- Gordon Wilson exhibit, Koehler Gallery

FRIDAY | FEB. 23

- Black History month program, 6:30 p.m. in Seeley G. Mudd chapel
- Poet reading, 7:30 p.m. in Robinson Teaching Theatre

SATURDAY | FEB. 24

- No events scheduled

SUNDAY | FEB. 25

- Football banquet, 6 p.m. in Robinson Teaching Theatre

MONDAY | FEB. 26

- Dean's Dialogue about Evolution, 7 p.m. in Robinson Teaching Theatre
- Gordon Wilson exhibit, Koehler Gallery

De la Paz emerges on poetry scene

Poetry seen as easily accessible to novice readers

Caley Ochoa
Staff writer

"He is a frequent eclipse ... a shadow on fire." Oliver de la Paz opens his poem "When Fidelito Is the New Boy at School" with this description of his main character. His latest book of prose poems "Names Above Houses" depicts the story of Fidelito and his family. The young boy yearns to fly and, in the end, learns to hope and to believe.

Born in Manila, Philippines, Oliver de la Paz brings the magic and myth of the tropics to his writing. De la Paz was raised in Ontario, Ore., and now teaches at Western Washington University. "Names Above Houses" is his first book and was a winner of the Crab Orchard Award Series.

One poem from this work, "The Way the Blessed Mourn" serves as an example of many themes in this book. Fidelito struggles to adjust to a new culture while retaining his former sense of identity and significance.

While his view of reality is somewhat fantastical, such as his belief in his ability to fly, it is wonderful in the way it presents the hope and power of his generation.

"The poems are about yearning and loss, a certain geography that is a homeland; the political necessity which results in exile," associate professor of English and resident poet Laurie Lamon said.



DE LA PAZ

READING

Selected poems

When:
Friday at 7:30 p.m.
Where:
Robinson Teaching Theatre

Free admission

"He dons the dress shirt of his father like a vestment and watches a clock tick down the hours," stated one of the poem's lines.

De la Paz's attention to diction makes this line from the above-mentioned poem more than pure prose. Words like 'vestment' draw the readers attention to the spiritual quality of the poems and especially of Fidelito's character and the act of watching indicate the boy's sense of exile, of being an outsider, that one finds throughout the book.

"It's a beautiful collection of diverse prose poems that bring in a lot of things about Filipino-Americans and immigration in the U.S.," professor of English Doug Sugano said.

Lamon also pointed out that the issues that the poems present are elements of real concern to Whitworth students who are both politically aware and conscious of social justice.

"Poetry across campus can be mysterious to readers beyond the humanities. I think this would be a beautiful reading for someone who has never been before," Lamon said.

The content of the poems is somewhat strange and fantastical, like reading a complex and insightful fairy tale.

Many of the titles are long and run into the substance of the poem such as "See how my thumb spreads the clouds? It is simple. My arm moves the white ocean/ Flight is just that. Easy sleep—like nodding/ In class to the teacher's constant talk."

De la Paz's poem "Fidelito Contemplates How Powerful He Has Become and Thinks

of Ways to Alter Weather Patterns" allows the reader to hear Fidelito's distinct voice and sense his unapparent power and importance in his world.

Oliver de la Paz

Occupation: Poet and professor at Western Washington University

Degrees received: B.S. in Biology and B.A. in English from Loyola Marymount University, and M.F.A. in Creative Writing from Arizona State University

Books: "Names Above Houses" – winner of the 2000 Crab Orchard Award Series in Poetry through Southern Illinois University Press; "Furious Lullaby" – comes out later this year through Southern Illinois University Press

Interesting Facts: Born in Manila, Philippines; raised in Ontario, Ore.

Information courtesy of www.oliverdelapaz.com/bio

As an emerging poet, de la Paz's work is worth attention. Even the inexperienced poetry reader can understand and enjoy "Names Above Houses" which mostly consists of prose poems with a common plot-line.

The book reads like a novella although the richness of de la Paz's diction makes it clearly poetic.

"I fell in love with the book the first time I read the first line," Senior Rachel Gray said.

De la Paz explores themes of identity and belonging, weaving together the story of a family between two different worlds and cultures and their struggle to adapt and retain their former ways and culture.

"As Fidelito's family trades Filipino omens of baby teeth and rats for those of the 'moon-like glow' of American television romances and San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge, de la Paz's deft storytelling—part magic realism, part Aesop fable—seamlessly pulls us from one adventure to the next," Denise Duhamel, author of "The Star-Spangled Banner," said.

Oliver de la Paz will be visiting the Whitworth campus this week with a poetry reading this Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Robinson Teaching Theatre.

His second book, "Furious Lullaby" is due out this year and will be published by Southern Illinois University Press.

SELECTED POEMS BY OLIVER DE LA PAZ

Fidelito Contemplates How Powerful He Has Become and Thinks of Ways to Alter Weather Patterns

See how my thumb spreads the clouds?
It is simple. My arm moves the white ocean.
Flight is just that. Easy sleep—like nodding
In class to the teacher's constant talk.
That kind of rest comes only when children
Press their tongues to the desks.
I am not one for this space...
After school I make a blot with my thumb
And watch it grow there in the blue,
A space filling out.
The clouds pull back their hairs
And extend the arms I give them
When I close one eyelid,
Press my thumb to the sky.

The Way the Blessed Mourn

For years on end the family keeps the shirts of Domingo tucked away in an armoire. Sundays, the boy sits nearby, watching for a sign. Fidelito's frail voice recites from the Book of Job, mentioning that the crossroads will be treacherous. The child does not shed a tear.

There are other precautions: If it's nice weather, he opens the windows wide. If there's rain, he sits by the glass, buttoned up tight, watching the tremor on the horizon. He checks the position he sleeps in before the dreams. He dons the dress shirt of his father like a vestment and watches a clock tick down the hours.

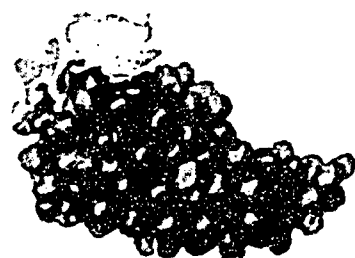
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- Thumbilina and Tom Thumb's heights.

2006 music review

Three opinions of the year's best albums

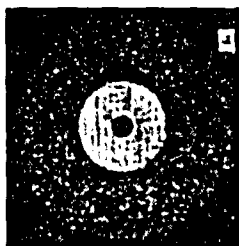
Caleb Knox
Staff writer

1. AFI - "Decemberunderground"



After 16 years and seven full-length albums, AFI has hit their stride. They've finally created a full album of great rock songs, softening their sound just enough to find mainstream success without leaving behind Hot Topic shoppers.
Focus Track: "Love Like Winter"

2. The Knife - "Silent Shout"



With their fourth album, "Silent Shout," The Knife has put out what initially appears to be an album you can dance to without feeling like you're covered in saccharin. After repeated listenings, the stark coldness of the album sets in, and the darkness that this Swedish brother/sister duo puts out envelopes you. All in all, "Silent Shout" is the perfect record for a Spokane winter.
Focus Track: "Silent Shout"

3. Taking Back Sunday - "Louder Now"

Taking Back Sunday knows what they do best, and they don't stray too far from their version of the hard-rock formula on their third album. Guitars clash behind the dual vocal attack of lead vocalist Adam Lazzara and guitarist Fred Mascherino, and listeners will be forced to latch onto some of these megacatchy songs.
Focus Track: "What's It Feel Like To Be a Ghost?"

4. Gnarls Barkley - "St. Elsewhere"



Despite the fact that "Crazy" is one of the most overplayed songs of the year, Cee-Lo and Danger Mouse have thrown together a debut that successfully bounces between hip-hop, funk, rap, and soul like none other. There are at least three songs better than "Crazy," and the band's staying power seems to be resolute as each song opens up on repeated listenings.
Focus Track: "Smiley Faces"

5. Matisyahu - "Youth"

Matisyahu is a Hasidic Jew who makes sweet, sweet reggae-flavored hip-hop. If that doesn't get you interested in his third album, then I don't know what to tell you.
Focus Track: "Youth"



6. Big City Rock - "Big City Rock"

7. Sufjan Stevens - "The Avalanche"

8. The Decemberists - "The Crane Wife"

9. Thom Yorke - "The Eraser"

10. Girl Talk - "Night Ripper"

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Kelly McGrillis
Staff writer

1. FM Static - "Critically Ashamed"

The proclaimed "anti-glamorous" fast-lipped soft punks issue out their second album with cries for originality and getting back to the roots of true rock. Using both fast and lingering paces they call upon the authenticity of the Beach Boys and Beatles of old to drown out such "flop culture" artists as Avril Lavigne and Michael Jackson (whom they mock with aesthetic proficiency).
Focus Track: "Flop Culture"

2. My Chemical Romance - "The Black Parade"

The new light hair and darker outline might seem face value, but in reality their message of hope for a better future in this oppressive world is fueled by an integration of marching band melodies ("Welcome to the Black Parade") and a sinister mix of punk folk rock ("Mama") to create their best album to date.
Focus Track: "Teenagers"



3. Hellogoodbye - "Zombies! Aliens! Vampires! Dinosaurs!"

A select few have tried synthesized power-pop and come out with anything worth listening to, but in their second album, Hellogoodbye has given hope to this small but expanding genre. Mixing a small bit of folk with the electronics gives off a smooth connected combination that each zombies, aliens, vampires, and yes, even dinosaurs can enjoy.
Focus Track: "Oh, It is Love"

4. Various Artists - Little Miss Sunshine Soundtrack

Arguably the best movie of the year, and one of the best soundtracks; the blend of the genius instrumentals of Mychael Danna/DeVotchKa and the smooth rounds of indie hopefulness Sufjan Stevens brings to the table ushers in the message of individuality that directors Jonathan Dayton and Valerie Faris mastered in the development of the film itself.
Focus Track: "The Winner Is"



5. Arctic Monkeys - "Whatever People Say I am, That's What I'm Not"

Not just another "British sensation" the Arctic Monkeys debut full-length album brings the Sex Pistols grittiness together with an original "boys from the pub down the street" feeling to their pop rock stances resulting in an album you can not only jam to, but also feel artistically. Look for much more of this band in the upcoming years, search the horizon for a second invasion.
Focus Track: "When The Sun Goes Down"

6. Fall Out Boy - "From Under the Cork Tree [Bonus Tracks]"

7. Hawk Nelson - "Smile, it's the End of the World"

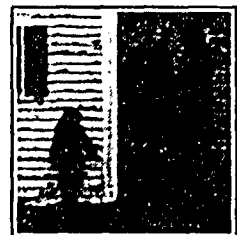
8. The Decemberists - "The Crane Wife"

9. The Raconteurs - "Broken Boy Soldiers"

10. Shiny Toy Guns - "We Are Pilots"

Laura Richardson
Staff writer

1. Brand New - "The Devil and God Are Raging Inside Me"



Brand New's third full-length release, "The Devil and God," is dark and dense, not to mention a more polished and well-produced album than "Deja Entendu." Singer Jesse Lacey's urgent voice draws listeners into vulnerable and complex lyrics that unfold amid the album's dynamic textural layers. Every track is compelling and perfectly crafted, without seeming contrived.
Focus track: "You Won't Know"

2. Regina Spektor - "Begin to Hope"

Fans of indie darling Regina Spektor will love her second major label release, "Begin to Hope," for its usual quirkiness, but also appreciate its cleaner production compared to "Soviet Kitsch." Those listeners who have never heard of Regina will quickly become hooked on her unique vocal inflections and smart, funny lyrics. Did I mention she's classically trained on the piano?
Focus track: "Après Moi"

3. John Mayer - "Continuum"



"Continuum" serves as proof that Mayer has matured as a songwriter and guitarist. This breezy blues-pop album has the usual fluid guitar-playing and soulful crooning familiar to a Mayer release. However, this album also features more sincere lyrics and tremendously crafted songs, all written completely by Mayer.
Focus track: "Heart of Life"

4. Jeremy Enigk - "World Waits"

This album is Jeremy Enigk's best work by far. After breaking from indie rock band Sunny Day Real Estate in 1996, Enigk launched his solo career. Enigk's second full-length solo release, "World Waits," showcases his creative voice and emo roots. It's beautiful to listen to.
Focus track: "Burn"

5. Taking Back Sunday - "Louder Now"

Fans of Taking Back Sunday's tried and true format of emo-rock lyrics and catchy hooks will not be disappointed with "Louder Now." No single track screams genius, but the Long Island quintet's first major label release is still solid.
Focus track: "My Blue Heaven"



6. Copeland - "Eat, Sleep, Repeat"

7. AFI - "Decemberunderground"

8. Gnarls Barkley - "St. Elsewhere"

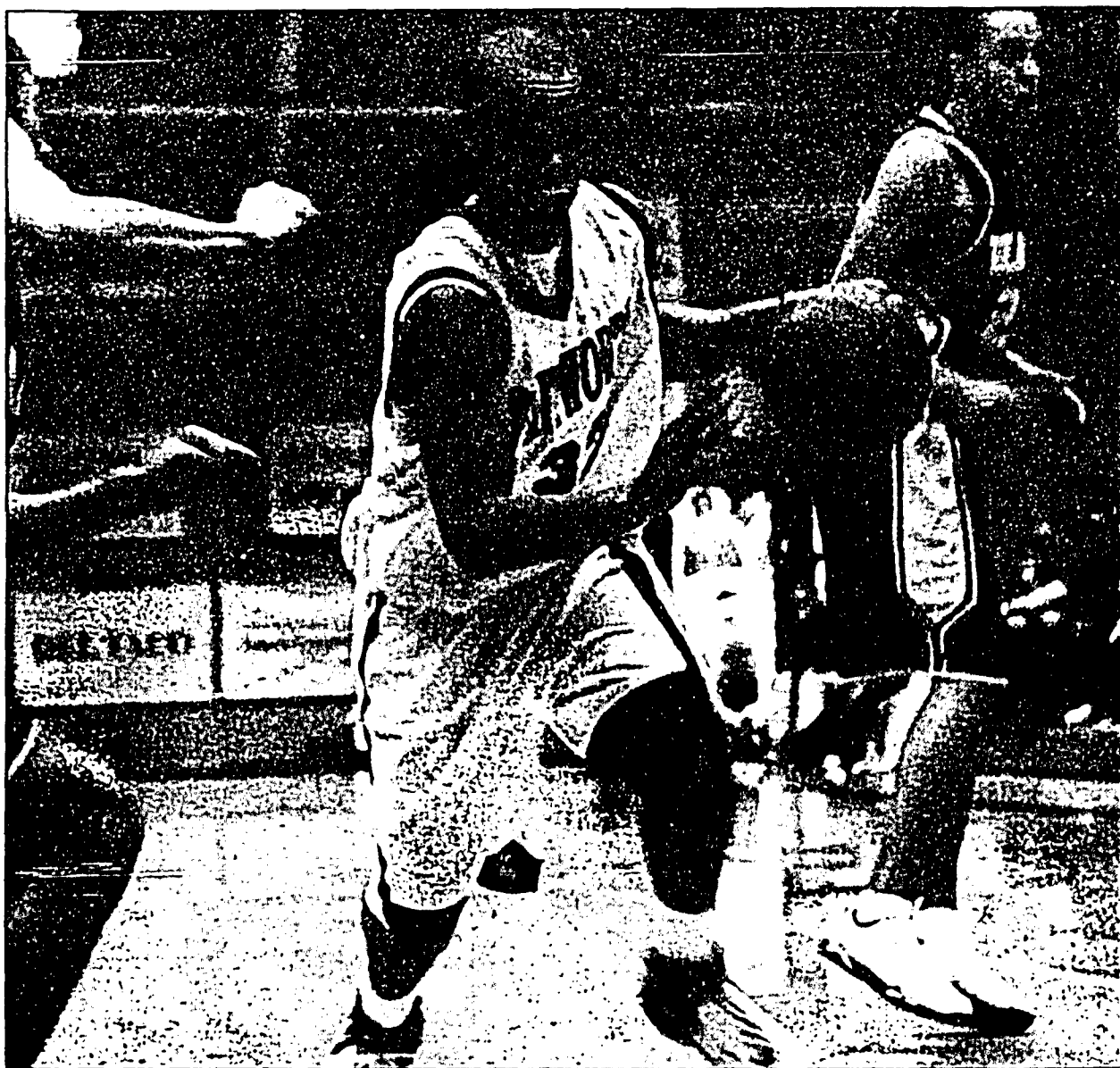
9. Snow Patrol - "Eyes Open"

10. Angels & Airwaves - "We Don't Need to Whisper"

Sports



Game to watch
(3) Wisconsin at (2) Ohio State
Men's College Basketball
Sunday, Feb. 25 @ 1 p.m.
CBS



Junior forward Ryan Symes drives to the basket during Whitworth's 81-66 win over the Willamette University Bearcats last Friday night. Symes contributed 10 points and nine rebounds in the win.

Pirates clinch share of title

Justin Jose
Staff writer

Last Friday was a memorable night for the Whitworth Pirates, as the men's team defeated the Willamette University Bearcats 81-66 to clinch a share of the Northwest Conference regular season title.

Knowing they needed a win to clinch that share, the pressure was on the at the start of the game, as the Bearcats jumped out to an early lead of 8-1. The Pirates responded with senior guards Bryan Williams and James Jones scoring five points a piece as Whitworth went on a 12-0 run.

The first half continued to go back and forth as neither team could separate from the other. The teams went into the half with the Pirates leading the Bearcats 34-33.

The second half started with a barrage of points from the Pirates.

Six minutes into the second half, the Pirates used a 14-2 spurt to gain a comfortable 48-35 lead. The Pirates slowly gained supremacy of the contest. During the second half, the Pirates shot 66.7 percent from the floor on 18 of 27 shooting.

The 14-2 run also kept the Bearcats at bay as they never broke the double-digit lead the Pirates maintained during the half.

Senior guard Jon Young exemplified the hot shooting during the second half with a minute and a half left in the game. With the shot clock winding down to three seconds, Young received a pass and shot a fadeaway from about four feet beyond the three-point line and banked in the shot as the shot clock expired. That was one of his two buzzer-beating three-pointers of the second half.

The Pirates timely shooting produced five scorers in double figures. Young led all scorers with 19 points and seven rebounds while Jones pitched in 13. Junior forward Colin Willemssen's 12 points off the bench proved to be a spark as senior center Kevin Hasenfus was injured earlier in the contest. Hasenfus returned to the game but played a limited role due to the earlier injury slowing him down. Williams produced 10 points and eight assists, while junior forward Ryan Symes rounded out the scoring in double figures with 10 points to go along with nine re-

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Oklahoma City beware: Seattle needs the Sonics

Mike Novasky
Staff writer

There are better things to with 300 million dollars, right? Three hundred million dollars is how much money Sonics owner Clay Bennett will soon be asking from King County residents for a new arena to be built in Renton. Three hundred million dollars for a third sports stadium in just over ten years.

Maybe this is the time King County residents will decide that there are better uses of their money than trying to keep a sports team. After all, teachers remain underpaid, public transportation for the greater Puget Sound is in need of a significant upgrade and it is in our best interest to continue to support a health care system that has been among the best in the nation. (I mean, have you seen Grey's Anatomy?)

But maybe this situation is being grossly overstated by members of the legislature and 'concerned citizen' groups such as Citizens for More Important Things. After all, we are not talking about tax increases here. The current proposals involve simply extending the taxes that already exist for the previous stadiums for a few extra years. Essentially, the bulk of the proposed money will come from King County residents experiencing no change in their sales tax, a sales tax that is consistent with the rest of the state. This leaves plenty of room for additional school levies and health care bills to be supported. Will this plan then really have the drastic effect on the other more tangible civic needs that the stadium's opponents lament? I say no.

The second point these groups raise is that by supporting this stadium we are supporting only the greed of the Sonics owners and players. While this is a valid commentary on the nature of NBA salaries, it ignores some of the concurrent benefits this project can bring. It will be a great venue for political rallies and concerts, especially as it is in a location easily accessible for all areas of the Puget Sound including both sides of Lake Washington. In fact, this may benefit the Seattle area by bringing in other sports as well. For instance, preliminary talks with the NHL have begun to move a team to the Northwest. (One scenario could even include moving the Pittsburgh Penguins and the next Wayne Gretzky!)

But they also ignore the fact that sports are important in creating the identity and culture of a city, not to mention generating further revenue. Just ask Miami how sports have helped their economy, or even ask Philadel-

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Come-from-behind victory shocks NWC

KT Pridgen
Staff writer

Both the men's and the women's Whitworth swim teams had impressive showings in the Northwest Conference meet two weekends ago. The men's team finished first, narrowly beating out Linfield College, 627-609, and the women finished second to UPS.

The men's team was favored going into the meet, but faced a disastrous setback after their 400-medley relay was disqualified Friday. This disqualification dropped them to third place after the first day of the meet.

"That was hard to get through," junior David Dolphay said.

They did come back over the next two days of competition to win the NWC meet for the fifth year in a row.

The Pirate men had four individual wins, three coming from Dolphay in the 500-freestyle in 4:39.16, the 200-freestyle in 1:42.52 and the 1650-freestyle in 16:06.98, in which he met the NCAA provisional qualifying time. Though he qualified for nationals in past seasons, this was his first national qualifying time this year in his final opportunity to do so.

"I got in on the very last day, so it was pretty relieving to get it," Dolphay said.

Junior Bryan Clarke contributed with an individual title of his own, winning the 200-breaststroke in 2:09.51.

Also swimming well for the Pirates were junior Luke Stocker, finishing second in the 100-backstroke and third in the 200-backstroke; freshman Kris Aleson, finishing third in the

200-freestyle and 100-freestyle; and junior Jason Hunter, finishing second in the 200-butterfly and fourth in the Individual Medley.

The Whitworth women won 12 of 18 events in the meet, but were beat out by UPS. The UPS women's swim team has won conference for the past eleven years.

"We hoped that this year would be the year we took UPS down, but we all swam well. I think we'll get them next year," junior Katelyn Erickson said.

Freshman Natalie Turner led the Pirates, mirroring Dolphay's performance by winning the 200-freestyle in 1:53.7, the 500-freestyle in 5:03.2, and the 1650-freestyle in 17:37.63. Turner qualified for nationals in all three of her events.

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Kyle Busch Whitworthian

Freshman Natalie Turner swims in the 200-freestyle final on the second day of the three-day meet, a race she won. Turner set the new NWC record in the preliminary swim that morning with a time of 1:52.76.

Cats rule: Pirates drop pair

KT Pridgen
Staff writer

Last weekend, the Whitworth men's tennis team lost two matches, first to Willamette University on Friday 7-2 and then to Linfield College on Saturday 9-0.

The Northwest Conference moved to a new nine-point scoring system in men's tennis where every match counts, as opposed to the seven-point system where one point is awarded to the team who wins two of three double matches.

"It was a definite struggle," junior Ed Anegon said. "Willamette and Linfield are teams we could beat; we've got the tools. But we had trouble winning the matches we needed to win to make it happen."

While playing Willamette last Friday, freshman Austin Abelar delivered Whitworth's only singles win, defeating Willamette's Micah Mack 6-1, 2-6, (10-8).

This match was determined by a 10-point tie-breaker instead of a full third set because

the court time was limited at North Park Racquet Club. Senior Michael Carlson and junior Scott Donnell contributed a doubles win against Mack and Shaun Mihalik 8-5.

Junior Ben Works, who was the No. 2 singles player last year, played his first match of the season last Friday. However, due to his work schedule, he may only play in home matches this year.

Though the team did not win any sets last Saturday against Linfield, the match gave new team members a chance to play.

Senior Colin Storm missed the match due to illness, so junior Curran Scott, a transfer from Spokane Community College, played his first match for Whitworth, falling to the Wildcat's Cole Shelton 6-4, 6-0.

"As a whole, I think we performed better against Linfield than Willamette. But we've still got a long way to go," Carlson said. "We're a pretty young team. We have much potential, but it's early in the season and we are to some de-

gree undeveloped."

Sophomore Scott Bourne, Whitworth's regular No. 3 player, missed the match on Friday because of the Military Ball, but was able to play on Saturday, losing to Linfield's Jed Rembold 6-1, 6-1.

"Although it was a rough weekend, I'm optimistic about the rest of the season," Carlson said. "We've dug ourselves a hole, but that means we're going to have to focus, work hard and dig ourselves out."

The Pirates will travel to Lewis & Clark and George Fox next weekend for their fourth and fifth matches of conference play.

The Pirates are looking to regroup as the team tries to conclude the season higher than the previous two seasons of fourth-place finishes.

"Next weekend will be a new weekend, the beginning of a new season for us," Anegon said. "Next weekend we will definitely assert ourselves on the road at LC and George Fox and get back on the right track."



Nate Chute/Whitworthian
Junior Ed Anegon serves during his match at North Park last Friday against Willamette. Anegon lost this match 6-4, 6-2 during Whitworth's 7-2 loss to the Bearcats.

Pirates take down Bearcats

Bower, McDaniel shine in final game of the season

Colin Storm
Sports Editor

Despite getting knocked out of playoff contention last Tuesday, the Whitworth women's basketball team hung on to win 74-57 over the visiting Willamette University Bearcats last Friday.

Two players, sophomore forward Alida Bower and freshman post Susan McDaniel, finished with double-doubles. Bower finished the game with 25 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Pirates in both categories, while McDaniel finished with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

With the Pirates leading 28-25 and only 3:21 remaining in the first half after a free throw by Willamette's Laura Payne, Whitworth went on a 8-2 run to end the half leading 36-27. The Pirates then pounced on the Bearcats early in the second half as junior guard Teresa Zeitler hit a bucket a minute into the half, followed by two free throws by McDaniel to build a 13-point lead after a minute and a half.

The Bearcats would not go away, chipping the lead down to four after a Keilyn Fujioka lay up off a pass from Payne. But that would be as close as they got.

Bower hit two free throws, then sophomore guard Cassie Snyder hit a three-pointer, followed by two more free throws from Bower to extend the lead by 11 with 11:41 to go.

When Bower went to the line and hit two free throws with a little over two minutes left, the Pirates gained their largest lead of the game of 20.

However, the Pirates were not able to gain entry into the Northwest Conference playoffs after a 58-48 loss at Whitman College last Tuesday. Jamie Scott and Leah Pomante had to stay home with the flu, while Zeitler fought through the flu to



Jesse Clark/Whitworthian

Sophomore forward Alida Bower puts up a shot in the second half of Whitworth's 74-57 win over the Willamette Bearcats. The Pirates finished their NWC campaign 8-8.

play 10 minutes in the game.

After trading baskets for most of the first half, the Missionaries started to pull away at the end of the first half, leading 27-15 with just under two minutes to play. But the Pirates cut the lead to seven at halftime.

The Pirates and Missionaries continued to battle in the second half, as the Missionaries consistently held an advantage. The Pirates came within six points on several occasions, but could come no closer. Bower led the Pirates with 13 points.

However, everyone was rested back to health in time to close out the season against the Bearcats with the 17 point victory.

With the win, the Pirates finished their season with an 8-8 record in the NWC and a 14-11 record overall. Head coach Helen Higgs was honored for her 200th victory, which came against George Fox University on Feb. 3.

Higgs has been the head coach for 13 seasons and has six straight winning seasons, including eight of the last nine seasons.

Howell breaks P.R.

Justin Jose
Staff writer

Last Saturday, the Whitworth Pirates track and field team traveled to Vandal Stadium at the University of Idaho for a tune-up track meet. Following the final gunshot, two Pirates emerged as winners of their respective events.

Junior Brandon Howell participated in the 800-meter run and finished with a time of 1:52.90. Howell raced to a personal best this season after breaking last week's time of 1:54.26. He qualified for the 800-meter race at the Division III championships last week.

Freshman Cody Stelzer finished with a height of 2.02 meters in the men's high jump. Stelzer finished just three hundredths of a meter short of his best jump of 2.05 last weekend at the University of Washington Open. With the victory, Stelzer improves to three top finishes out of four indoor events and is making a case for an invitation to the Division III Indoor Championships later this spring.

Only a handful of Pirates competed in the track meet because this was a tune-up before the season begins.

This weekend the Pirates will be split into two teams, red and black. Those two teams will compete against each other at 3 p.m. this Friday.

Pirates start season with road losses

Colin Storm
Sports Editor

The Whitworth women's tennis team opened their 2007 season with a pair of road losses to Willamette University and Linfield College last weekend.

After sweeping the doubles matches with a pair of 8-5 decisions at No. 1 and No. 3 doubles, the Bearcats took five of the six singles matches last Saturday. Sophomore Linh Aven was the lone winner at No. 2 singles with a 6-0, 6-4 victory.

Junior Taryn Smith and sophomore Justine Hays came close to wins at No. 4 and No. 5 respectively, both losing third set super-tiebreakers. Both lost their first set 6-3, then both rebounded with 6-4 second set wins, but Smith lost 10-3 in the 10-point tiebreaker while Hays lost 13-11 in her tiebreaker.

Last Sunday, the Pirates lost to the Linfield Wildcats 7-2 with both wins coming in singles. Hays won at No. 6 singles, despite losing the first set 6-1. She fought her way to a 7-5 win in the second set, then beat the Wildcats' Emma Becker with a 6-4 win in the third set. Senior Betsy Johnson also won with a 6-1, 6-3 win over Linfield's Molly Nelson.

The Pirates look to rebound with two home matches next weekend against Lewis & Clark College on Friday and George Fox University on Saturday. Both matches begin at 2 p.m.

Sports BRIEFS

Krzyzewski wins 700th game as Duke coach

Last Sunday, the Duke Blue Devils beat the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets 71-62 to give head coach Mike Krzyzewski his 700th career win at Duke. Krzyzewski, who has been at the helm in Durham, N.C. for 27 seasons, led the Blue Devils to their 11th straight 20-win season. In 2001, Krzyzewski signed a lifetime contract with Duke, meaning he is under contract until he reaches retirement age of 65 in 2011. Duke still has the option to extend the contract once it is up in four years.

Howell forces playoff, wins Nissan Open

After four and a half years since his last victory, with nine runner-up finishes in between, Charles Howell III won his second career PGA event after beating Phil Mickelson in a playoff hole at the Nissan Open. Howell, who was down four shots heading into the back nine, turned in a six-under 65 to force a playoff. On the third playoff hole, he knocked in a three foot putt for par to beat Mickelson.

Kobe nets 31, MVP at All-Star game in Vegas

Behind 31 points from Los Angeles Laker and All-Star game MVP Kobe Bryant, the West All-Stars beat the East All-Stars 153-132 in Las Vegas last Sunday. Phoenix Suns center Amare Stoudemire added 29 points and nine rebounds for the West. The East was led by Cleveland Cavs forward LeBron James who finished with a team-high 28 points.

Heat put on NBA players in skills challenge

The Miami Heat's Jason Kapon had to campaign to be in the three-point competition, but cruised to victory in the finals over Gilbert Arenas and Dirk Nowitzki. Meanwhile, teammate Dwayne Wade won the skills competition for the second straight year, defeating Kobe Bryant in the finals. Boston Celtic Gerald Green won the dunk contest over New York Knicks guard Nate Robinson, while NBA veteran referee Dick Bavetta lost in a foot-race to former NBA All-Star Charles Barkley. The race was for charity after the 300-plus pound Barkley said on a TNT broadcast he could beat the 67-year-old Bavetta in a foot race.

Compiled by Colin Storm



Men's Basketball

	NWC	ALL
Whitworth	13-3	22-3
L&C	13-3	18-6
UPS	11-5	18-6
Pacific	8-8	12-13
George Fox	7-9	12-13
Willamette	6-10	10-15
PLU	6-10	9-14
Whitman	5-11	9-16
Linfield	3-13	8-17

Next Pirate game:
Whitworth vs. L&C/UPS
Friday, Feb. 23 @ 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball

	NWC	ALL
UPS	13-3	20-5
George Fox	13-3	17-6
L&C	9-7	16-9
Linfield	9-7	14-10
Whitworth	8-8	14-11
PLU	8-8	13-11
Whitman	7-9	12-13
Willamette	3-13	5-20
Pacific	2-14	8-17

Men's Tennis

	NWC	ALL
Whitman	5-0	6-1
PLU	2-1	2-3
Linfield	2-2	3-5
Willamette	1-1	1-1
UPS	1-3	1-4
L&C	0-0	0-0
Pacific	0-0	0-0
George Fox	0-1	0-1
Whitworth	0-3	0-5

Next Pirate match:
Whitworth @ Lewis & Clark
Friday, Feb. 23 @ 3 p.m.

Women's Tennis

	NWC	ALL
UPS	2-0	3-0
PLU	2-0	2-0
Linfield	2-0	2-1
Whitman	1-1	3-2
Willamette	1-1	1-3
L&C	0-1	0-1
George Fox	0-1	0-2
Whitworth	0-2	0-2
Pacific	0-2	0-3

Next Pirate match:
Whitworth vs. Lewis & Clark
Friday, Feb. 23 @ 2 p.m.

Player of THE WEEK



Ailda Bower
Guard/Forward

Combined for 38 points, 16 rebounds and six assists against Whitman and Willamette last week.

"T" provides leadership to young team

Zeitler looks to provide direction on and off the court for the Pirates

Renee Huggins
Staff writer

On and off the court, junior guard Teresa Zeitler continues to be a leader on the Whitworth women's basketball team.

President Bill Robinson said "she never takes a night off. She's the woman." And the high praise doesn't stop there.

Athletic Director Scott McQuilkin said Zeitler is "one of the best defenders on the team."

Zeitler's numerous bruises are testimony to her work ethic.

"Ever since my injury, I approach every game like it was my last one," Zeitler said. "Man, I wake up with bruises."

In 2003, Zeitler suffered a torn ACL which led to her decision to red shirt her first year at Whitworth. She has started for the last two years and was a captain during her latest season. Zeitler is a health and fitness education major with the hope of teaching and coaching someday.

"I had great teachers and coaches growing up and I want to be able to do the same for someone someday," Zeitler said.

With hard work during the off-season, Higgs was pleased with her improvement.

"Teresa improved a lot on her defensive skills since last year and we moved her from point guard to off-guard and she handled that well," head coach Helen Higgs said.

Along with being a great addition to the basketball team on the court, Zeitler is also a humble servant in her free time.

During the season, Zeitler did the team's laundry after every practice and every game. She also opened up her house to her teammates when they didn't have anywhere to stay.

"Teresa is an intense competitor, funny and she is a good teammate with a servant's heart," Higgs said.

Zeitler gives of herself more than she does to herself. When not on the basketball court, Zeitler can be seen at Life Center Church hanging out with the kids in Adventure Land and mentoring high school girls in their lives and basketball skills.

"I love to mentor. Just to hope to be a positive difference in the lives of girls that are lost in this world," Zeitler said.

This summer, Zeitler will be heading to Nicaragua on a mission trip with 17 others from Life Center.

"I am so stoked for the trip, it's going to be amazing," Zeitler said.

Zeitler is the oldest on the team and will coming back next year to lead the Pirates on the court.

"We aren't losing anyone next year," Zeitler said. "So it will be nice to have the same team with improvement."

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bounds.

Senior post Ian Mansfield led the Bearcats with 13 points but was only able to score one bucket in the second half due to the Pirates defense.

Prior to the start of the game, Mark Few, the Gonzaga University basketball head coach, and his wife Marcy, were honored for their efforts in the Coaches vs. Cancer program. The Fews were presented an honorary Pirate jersey and commendation plaque for their efforts in raising money and awareness for all types of cancer.

Following the commendation, Williams received an honorary basketball for breaking the 1,000 point mark in a previous game. Williams is the only player in Whitworth history to break both the 1,000 point and 500 assist barriers.

With the win, the Pirates gained the top seed in the NWC tournament and will host the winner of Wednesday's semifinal between University of Puget Sound and Lewis & Clark this Friday night in the Fieldhouse. The Pirates finished the 2006-2007 regular season at 22-3 overall and 13-3 in conference play.

Baseball roughed up

Peter Smelser
Editor-in-Chief

The Whitworth baseball team lost its 19th and 20th consecutive games to Lewis-Clark State College last weekend as they came away empty handed at the Regence BlueShield of Idaho Tournament.

The Pirates opened the season in Lewiston facing NAIA powers LCSC and Albion College of Idaho twice over the weekend, losing to Albion 8-2, 7-2 and losing to LCSC 9-2, 8-2.

Offensively Whitworth was consistent, albeit anemic, mustering only eight runs and 22 hits in the four games.

Junior third baseman Alex Scarpelli and sophomore outfielder Mitch Ramsay had moderate production from the plate. Scarpelli batted 4 for 12, scoring two runs and hitting a homer and Ramsay batted 3 for 11, with

two runs scored and two RBIs.

In Saturday's first game versus Albion, the outcome was never really in doubt. Albion scored three runs in the first and added two more in the third and fourth innings to grab a 7-1 lead.

During Whitworth's second game last Saturday against LCSC, the Pirates only trailed by one run going into the seventh inning. Senior starting pitcher Brandon Zimmerman threw well early.

But, then the Warriors put the game away scoring five runs in the seventh and one more in the ninth to win 9-2.

Last Sunday, Whitworth held onto an early 2-1 lead over Albion until the fourth inning, when the Coyotes scored three runs. Albion would score three more runs on way to a 7-2 win.

The late game on Sunday featured LCSC scoring in five consecutive innings on way to a 8-2 victory over the Pirates.

This year's squad features 18 new faces on the 31-man roster. Nine freshmen and nine transfers make up the mix.

The Pirates will be back in action this Thursday when they play Washington & Lee University in the first game of tournament action in Arizona.

Whitworth will open play, in what is predicted to be a good Northwest Conference season, when they host Pacific University for a week-end series on March 3-4.

Defending NWC champion George Fox University was picked to repeat in the preseason NWC Coaches Poll. Whitworth is predicted to finish in fourth place behind the Bruins, Pacific Lutheran University and Linfield College.



Kyle Blach Whitworthian

The men's swim team dumps head coach Steve Schadt into the pool following their dramatic come-from-behind victory at the NWC Championships at Whitman College.

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"Natalie's been a wonderful addition to our team and stepped up in all the ways we've needed her to," Erickson said.

Also adding first place finishes for the Pirates were Erickson in the 200-individual medley, sophomore Brittany Gresset in the 50- and 100-freestyle and junior Samantha Kephart in the 100- and 200-butterfly, improving her already national qualifying times.

"It's all thanks to our coaches," Erickson said. "We have a phenomenal coaching staff."

The Northwest Conference agreed, naming head coach Steve Schadt NWC Women's Coach of the Year.

"They really care, and it just comes out that way," sophomore Whitney Barr said of the team's coaches.

At Nationals in March, Dolphay will represent the men's team.

On the women's side, Turner and Kephart will swim in their respective individual events.

Several women's relays should qualify as well, made up of Turner, Kephart, Erickson and Gresset.

"I'm sure our relays can go faster than they did at Conference," Erickson said.

SONICS

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phia how professional sports have shaped their city's image. (Then again, everybody hates Philly's fans.)

As for Seattle, if this tax package is not funded and the Sonics do split for Oklahoma City, leaving a trail of money behind them like Bonnie and Clyde, this could be a monumental blow to a community that has been struggling for sports viability as long as anybody can remember.

Currently, Seattle sports fans have only experienced winning a championship about two and a half times. The first time was in 1917 when the Seattle Metropolitans became the first American team to have their name forever etched onto the Stanley Cup by beating up on the Montreal Canadiens. (Trust me; this sounds a lot more impressive today than it actually was. Keep in mind that the Metropolitans played in a fledgling league called the PCHA which had only five teams, one of which played in Spokane and called themselves the Canaries.)

Most recently, Seattle celebrated their

third 'major' professional championship when the WNBA's Storm beat the Connecticut Sun two games to one. TWO GAMES TO ONE! Best of three series are reserved for such epic battles as Rock, Paper, Scissors and Madden, not professional sports! Besides, (insert generic WNBA joke here). Needless to say, little good has come from these two pseudo-championships.

It was the title between these two in 1979 that has until recently served as the rallying point for Seattle sports fans. That title invigorated the city in a way that they haven't seen since (except maybe during the Sonics and Mariners mid-90s runs). If the Sonics leave town, all memory of that championship will as well.

King County must keep the Sonics in Washington. To let their golden-boy franchise slip away like this would kill a major part of Seattle sports. Besides, this tax plan does not require a significant enough sacrifice to justify otherwise.



Jesse Clark/Whitworthian

Sophomore Steve Stockton and senior Kevin Hasenfus collide in celebration during the pre-game starting lineups. Hasenfus looks to be a dominant presence inside the paint during the playoffs.

How NWC seeding works

The Whitworth Pirates and Lewis & Clark Pioneers tied for the NWC regular season championship, each finishing with a record of 13-3. Because of their tie, there was much confusion over who won the tiebreaker. Here are the rules according to the NWC Basketball Governance Procedures:

6.0 POSTSEASON ADVANCEMENT

6.1 Method of Selection

6.1.1 Post-season advancement shall follow NCAA-III constitution bylaws and NCAA-III men's and women's basketball committee policies. (Adopted February 2004).

6.1.2 In case of a tie in the regular season Conference standing affecting post-season advancement, tie shall be broken by:

1. Head to Head competition in conference games only
2. Results against all teams above those tied in conference games only
3. Results against above teams in rank order in conference games only
4. Order of losses beginning with the 9th seed and moving up to the tied teams
5. Best conference road record
6. Sempert System in conference games
7. record versus non-conference common opponents at a common site
8. Pre-arranged draw by Athletic Directors at the fall meeting

Tie breaking procedure to be used to break all ties including ties for 1st place. (Adopted January 2005)

Here is a breakdown of the tiebreakers under 6.1.2:

- 1) Head to head, Lewis & Clark and Whitworth split games this year, making this tiebreaker void.
- 2-3) Because Lewis & Clark and Whitworth tied for first place, there were no teams above them to compare with.
- 4) Starting with the ninth seed (Linfield), Lewis & Clark and Whitworth swept all teams up until the fourth seed (Pacific). Lewis & Clark split games with Pacific, while Whitworth swept Pacific and received the No. 1 seed in the NWC.

NWC Playoff Bracket

(3) Puget Sound Loggers

Wednesday
7:00 p.m.
Pamplin Sports Center

(2) Lewis & Clark Pioneers

Saturday
TBA
Whitworth Fieldhouse

(1) Whitworth Pirates

NWC Playoffs



(1) Whitworth Pirates



JONES

PPG: 16.6 (1st)
RPG: 4.1 (4th)
Steals: 30 (2nd)

vs. LC
12/2- 20 pts., 5 reb.

@ UPS
2/9- 15 pts., 1 reb.

Keys to winning the NWC:

►Stay out of foul trouble: Bryan Williams, Kevin Hasenfus and Jon Young all fouled out in the Feb. 9 loss to Puget Sound. Williams was also in foul trouble against Lewis & Clark on Jan. 27. Without Williams running the show, the offense looks almost lost.

►Step up defense: While the Pirates can boast a top-70 national ranking in almost every offensive category, including second in the nation in field goal percentage, the Pirates rank 269 in blocked shots and 115 in steals. While the Pirates can run-and-gun with anyone, the Loggers and Pioneers are teams full of shooters and Whitworth needs to limit second-chance opportunities.

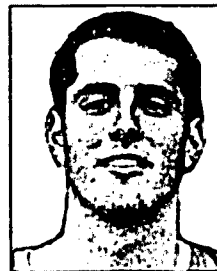
Key players:

►Bryan Williams: The offense runs through him (3rd in the nation in assists) and he will have to be at the top of his game to beat these tough opponents. Whitworth has only beaten UPS once in the past three years, so the Pirates will depend on Williams to beat people off the dribble and create open shots for sharp-shooters James Jones (*left*) and Jon Young.

►Kevin Hasenfus: The big man inside will need to step up his rebounding game to limit second-chance opportunities. He will also need to continue to take advantage of the shots he takes, as he is top-20 in the nation in field goal percentage.



(2) Lewis & Clark Pioneers



TOBONI

PPG: 13.3 (1st)
RPG: 4.5 (3rd)
3 Pt.: 41%

@ Whitworth
12/2- 27 pts., 3 reb.

vs. Whitworth
1/27- 10 pts., 5 reb.

Keys to winning the NWC:

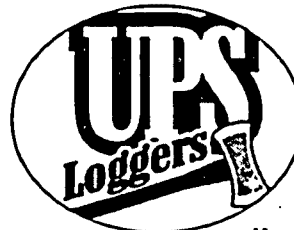
►Free throws: The Pioneers rank last in the NWC in free throw percentage with a measly 64.6 percent. In big games, free throws down the stretch often decide the game. Guard Joey Toboni (*left*) seems to be the only one who is clutch from the charity stripe.

►Stay close: In their win over the Pirates this year, the Pioneers held the Pirates well under their season shooting percentage and every time Whitworth started to take control, Lewis & Clark hit a shot to stay in the game. They will need to limit the bleeding if they get down, as both Puget Sound and Whitworth can deliver a devastating knock-out blow.

Key players:

►David Berggren: The freshman takes an average of nine three-pointers per game and hits a little over 36 percent of them. He is second on the team in points per game, averaging 13 per contest. If he gets hot, it will be up to Puget Sound and Whitworth to limit his touches.

►Thomas Tillery: Over a quarter of his rebounds are off the offensive glass, so he will need to be there if the Pioneers are cold from the outside (where they lead the NWC in attempts). The more chances they get, the more shots they will make and the tougher it will be to beat them.



(3) Puget Sound Loggers



FOSTER

PPG: 13.3 (1st)
RPG: 4.5 (3rd)
3 Pt.: 41%

@ Whitworth
1/12- 11 pts., 7 reb.

vs. Whitworth
2/9- 29 pts., 8 reb.

Keys to winning the NWC:

►Full-court trap: While the Loggers lead the NWC in scoring, they also are the worst, statistically, at defense. They score an average of 99 points per game, but give up 90. This is due in large part to their pressure defense that creates a lot of turnovers, for the Loggers and their opponents. It is Basketball 101, but it holds true: If they can create more turnovers than they give up, they should be a force in the tournament.

►Rebound: Statistically, the Loggers are the worst rebounding team in the NWC, being outrebounded by almost six per game. Rebounds limit opponents opportunities and maximize possessions, so leading rebounder Jason Foster (*left*) needs to be a force inside.

Key players:

►Taylor Marsh: Marsh leads the team in three-point attempts and percentage of anyone who has taken more than three at 42 percent. Marsh averaged 18 points per game against Whitworth and 21 against Lewis & Clark.

►Antwan Williams: Williams is averaging 12.5 points per game, almost three steals per game and five assists per game. But his assist-to-turnover ratio is poor, so if he can find a way to dish out more assists and create more steals than the number of times he turns the ball over, the Loggers will be in good shape.



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JAN TERM 2007

For the month of January students traveled across the globe studying everything from business to spirituality.



TOP LEFT: Sophomore Jessie Fishburn and junior Jessica Rector look out from Eagle's Crest Viewpoint at Tall Timber Jan. 10.

Thomas Robinson Whitworthian

TOP RIGHT: Students stand in front of the Buddhist Temple on Jan. 13 during the Anthropology in Hawaii trip.

Photo courtesy of Raja Tanas

FAR LEFT UPPER: Students on the Marine Ecology trip to Friday Harbor, Wash. sort through intertidal creatures.

Photo courtesy of Craig Tsuchida

MIDDLE: Freshman Kimmy Stokesbary, senior Katie Chase and sophomores Katrina Bayens, Laura Tibbitts and Katie Zerkel stand under the Eiffel Tower on Jan. 10 during the European Roots of Christian Spirituality trip.

Photo courtesy of Katie Zerkel

FAR LEFT MIDDLE: Sophomore Carrie Bowers and senior Mark Schuldt in Turkey Jan. 10.

Photo courtesy of Ozzie Crocco

LEFT: Students begin compline worship Jan. 13. Worship was part of the daily rhythm during the Christian Spirituality trip to Tall Timber.

Thomas Robinson Whitworthian

BOTTOM LEFT: The back of the Duomo in Florence, Italy as seen on the Core 250 trip.

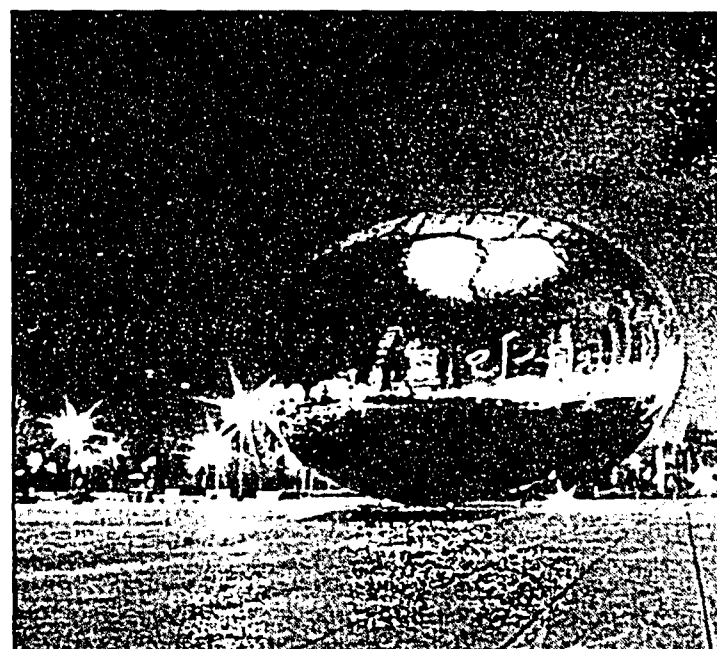
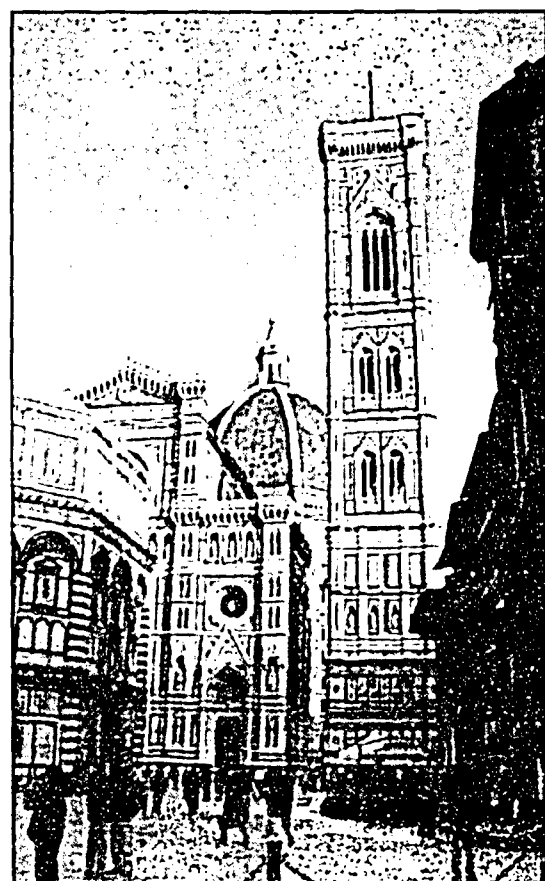
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BOTTOM MIDDLE: The Lincoln Memorial photographed during the Media Impact trip in Washington, D.C.

Nathan Harrison Whitworthian

BELOW: "The Bean" reflects the city of Chicago's nightlife Jan. 17 on the Prejudice Across America trip.

Nate Chute Whitworthian



Do you have some amazing shots of campus life? E-mail them to us at: whitpics@gmail.com.



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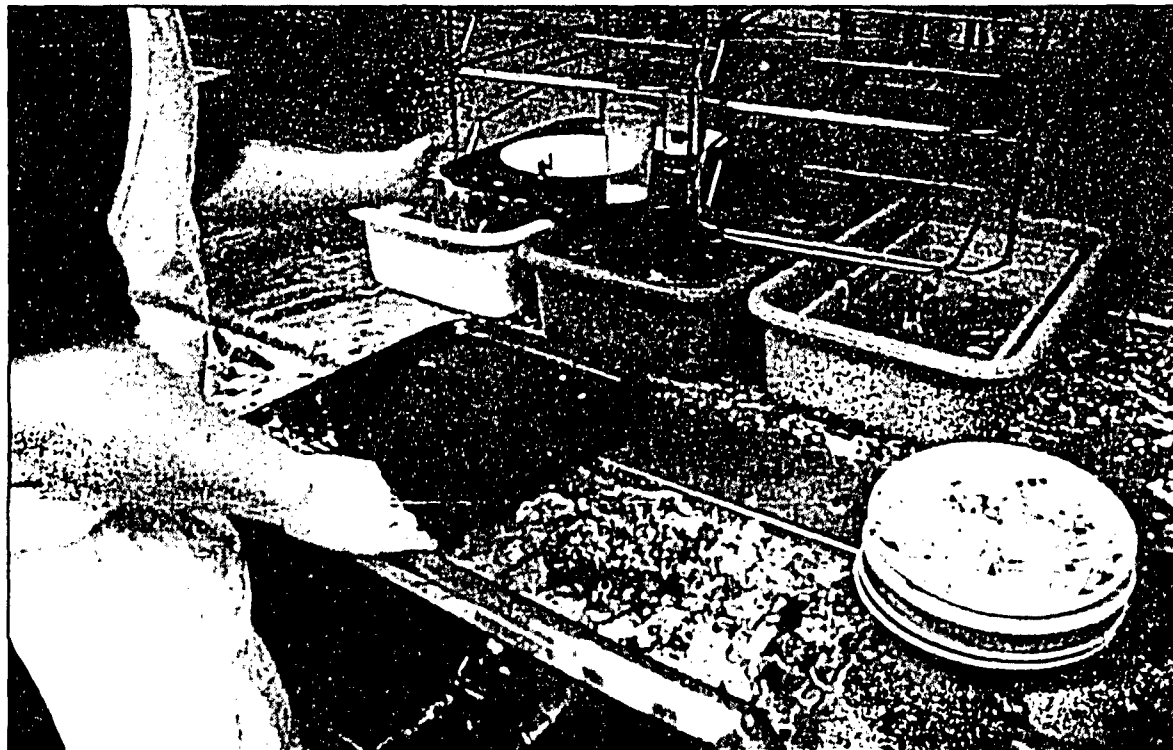
WORD FOR WORD

"The next chapter in Basra's history will be written by Iraqis."

- Tony Blair
British Prime Minister after announcing the withdrawal of around 1,600 British troops based in that region

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Nate Chute Whitworthian

LEFT: A Sodexo worker cleans off trays in the dishroom.
ABOVE: Food that will be trashed.

Waste hinders food services

Candace Pontoni
Staff writer

A decrease in the amount of food students waste in Sodexo would result in the availability of a wider variety of specialty and organic food in the cafeteria, a Sodexo manager said.

Sodexo loses approximately \$10,000 each year from waste alone, Jim O'Brien, the general manager of Sodexo said.

"If waste was cut down, more money would be available for a lot of things," O'Brien said. "We could serve more specialty items that students request."

Dan King, Sodexo manager, agrees with

O'Brien.

"We could take those savings and purchase better products," King said.

Both said students would benefit in other ways as well.

"The Café could be open on weekends, and there could be a fifth day of Late Night," O'Brien said.

King said the deli could be refreshed five times in an evening as opposed to only two, and that more written requests left in the suggestion boxes could be answered.

"Here's one that says, 'Maybe put mandarin oranges in the salad bar every so often.' Another says, 'Serve bread dumplings.' These are suggestions that we try to process, but aren't always able to because of the cost," King said.

Despite the substantial loss of money due to waste, only a small percentage of students

throw-out significant amounts of food.

"About 40 percent of students waste almost nothing. Another 30 to 40 percent waste a very small amount. But 10 to 15 percent waste a tremendous amount," said Jess Dozier, the head grill chef in Sodexo. "Some students take several entrees and eat only one."

Tim Assad, a Whitworth student and Sodexo employee who works in the dishroom, is often disturbed by the amount of food that some students leave on their trays.

"It was really depressing for the first couple of weeks," Assad said. "It still hurts to see all the leftover food at the end of the night, but I try to focus on the job itself, and not on the morally unsettling aspects of the job."

By only taking what they can eat, stu-

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Students to vote on constitutional changes

Jessica Davis
News editor

Students will have the opportunity to vote March 5 on significant changes to the ASWC constitution. The Assembly voted to bring the proposal to students with a 17-1 vote, after spending two days with the proposal under intense revision and scrutiny in subcommittee.

Students will also vote on an amendment on March 5. The Assembly passed the amendment with a vote of 18-0.

The constitutional revisions must be ratified by two-thirds of all students who vote according to the current ASWC constitution.

The last time the ASWC constitution changed was in 2002 according to the ASWC Web site. Last year, ASWC

passed a change to the constitution that students ultimately rejected.

Whitworthian editor-in-chief and senior Peter Smelser proposed the representation system that reshapes the organization based on zones.

The zone system eliminates senator positions. All elected members aside from the President, Executive Vice President and the Financial Vice President would instead be called representatives.

Representatives would come from three different areas. There would be six voting members for on-campus zones, three for off-campus and three at-large voting members. In addition, the senior class coordinator would still be hired, but would have a vote in the assembly.

Zone one consists of McMillan, Ballard and Schum-

acher Halls; zone two, Warren Hall; zone three, Baldwin-Jenkins plus all freshman Village dorms; zone four, Ar-end Hall; zone five, Stewart and Boppell Halls and zone six, Duvall Hall.

One change the proposal poses is less representation. Five positions would be lost.

Smelser said he believes the campus is currently over represented. One voting member currently represents 110 students. Under the proposed system, there would be approximately 150 on-campus students represented for every voting member.

"There are student governments at larger schools that have as many voting members as we do, and we only have around 2,000 undergrads," Smelser said.

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ASWC Restructure

Pros

- Saves money, providing more funds for student activities
- More efficient decision making/voting
- Helps develop a sense of class identity with new individual class representatives
- Consolidates representation to make room for potential growth
- Students forced to think about who they want to represent them

Cons

- Decreases overall representation
- Increased responsibility to some representative positions
- Fewer student leadership positions
- Less people to help with ASWC sponsored events
- Grouping of same sex dorms (McMillan, Ballard and Schumacher) presents possible logistical problems

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New service allows direct borrowing

WINborrow
partners with
Gonzaga, other
local campusesRosa Gibbons
Staff writer

Whitworth students can now directly borrow books from the Gonzaga, Spokane Falls Community College or the Spokane Community College libraries without having to go through a staff member.

The new system, called WINborrow, not only allows students to directly place a hold on a book, but also makes the courier system more efficient, meaning students can place a hold on a book at another library and have it in one to two days.

WINborrow is a product of the Washington Idaho Network of Libraries, a consortium of about 90 libraries in Idaho and Eastern Washington who have committed to sharing resources. It is housed at Gonzaga, where four staff members are employed to support

the network.

Cindy Kirkpatrick, applications specialist for WINborrow, said she expects more libraries in WIN to become part of the WINborrow program soon.

The University of Idaho, North Idaho College and Lewis-Clark State College should join within the next month.

"These libraries all share the same database, so they all had to come at once," Kirkpatrick said.

The biggest obstacle in getting WINborrow off the ground has been the problem of getting materials back and forth quickly and efficiently when many of the libraries are hours apart.

"There are libraries right up to the Montana border, so it's a long way to go," said Eileen Bell-Garrison, president of WIN.

Though students have been able to borrow books from other libraries, only library staff could put a book on hold.

In addition, because all Whitworth's requests for books went onto one card, one late book blocked requests for all other students. The new system will put the responsibility onto each individual student.

WIN was created in 2000 out of

a smaller network of six libraries. Its purpose is to enable different types of libraries to share resources quickly, easily and cheaply.

"WIN is unique in that it is a mix of public, school, law, and medical libraries," Bell-Garrison said. "We are sharing our resources; we all have something to offer, and it's in all our best interests."

Students can either go directly to another library in the network and check out a book using their ID cards, or go to their own library's Web site and place a hold on a book at another library.

"WINborrow is very patron-driven," Bell-Garrison said. "You don't have to go through a staff member."

Whitworth library director Hans Bynagle said they have been working on this idea for quite some time, but have only just been able to achieve it technologically.

Step-by-step instructions can be found under the spotlight section on the Whitworth library Web site, www.whitworth.edu/library.

Bynagle said that if students encounter any problems with the system, they can contact the library reference desk or click on "Ask a Librarian" on the library's Web site.

HOW TO

Follow these
instructions to use the
WINborrow system

1. Go to Whitworth's online catalog.
2. Click on "WINborrow."
3. Select the library catalog(s) you want to search from Gonzaga University, Spokane Falls Community College and Spokane Community College.
4. Once you have found the record for the book you need, use the "Place Hold" tab to initiate your request.
5. Follow the instructions on the screen. They will ask for your Whitworth barcode twice which is the number at the bottom of your ID card.
6. Once you have submitted your request, the book will be sent to Whitworth. To track its progress, use the "My Account" tab on the Whitworth library catalog.

Information courtesy of
www.whitworth.edu/Library/Spotlight/WINborrow.htm

Speaker challenges students to live faith radically

Sara Morscheuse
Staff writer

Nearly 300 students packed the Café last Thursday night to hear Shane Claiborne talk about living "The Simple Way" in urban Philadelphia.

Speaking in a soft Tennessee accent and in clothes he made himself, dreadlocked Claiborne told the audience of his journey from a childhood where he was "suffocated with Christianity" to his current peacekeeping, people-oriented ministry where he now says, "I'm radically in love with Jesus."

"It makes me feel like I want to do something. I feel like I have been sitting here my whole life, and this guy has been out saving the world," freshman Craig Harris said.

In 2006, Claiborne released a book called "The Irresistible Revolution:



Thomas Robinson Whitworthian

Speaker Shane Claiborne presents to students in the HUB multipurpose room last week.

Living as an Ordinary Radical." The book chronicles Claiborne's travels to Calcutta and Iraq and his work in Philadelphia. Claiborne appeals to the "suburban Christian" in America to "think about the mess we've made in this world," he said.

Claiborne and a group of friends began to real-

ize the impact they could have while they were attending Eastern University, a Christian institution in St. Davids, Pennsylvania. Over 100 homeless people living in a local, abandoned cathedral were being threatened with eviction by the Catholic diocese. The group decided to move in and resist the expulsion.

After succeeding, Claiborne and his friend Brooke wanted to do more, so they contacted Mother Theresa herself to find out how to actually run an urban ministry. After going and working in India at the Home for the Dying, they learned the meaning of "little acts of love," Claiborne said.

"The Home for the Dying was a place where the sting of death got lost," Claiborne said.

Since then, Claiborne and his friends have created a Christian community in inner-city Philadelphia where they live simply and use their gifts to care for people and the earth. In addition to art and addiction recovery programs, they are developing several business enterprises including gardens, a bakery and T-shirt screening. They also run a bio-diesel pump for converted cars. Claiborne said their goal isn't

just to be a bunch of radicals; they are radicals with a purpose.

"The question is not if we will be extremists, but what you will be extreme about," he said.

The group has also gone on a peacekeeping trip to Iraq, and they are planning to go again. Claiborne said that the group wants the Iraqis to know they are loved. Claiborne witnessed the Baghdad bombings during the "Shock and awe" campaign and the desperate situations of Iraqis. Through his experience in Iraq along with his interactions with American soldiers trying to reconcile their faith and their actions, Claiborne became even more resolved in a quest to bring the peace and love of Christ to the people.

"This world that we have made is not what God wanted it to be," Claiborne said.

Whitworth
Speaks
OUT

"Considering the fact that my parents are really struggling financially, that'd be money I wouldn't have to pay."

Meghan Brombach
Sophomore



"I could use it to live, for expenses like books or housing, just living expenses outside of food."

Michael Knapstad
Senior



Tuition is being raised by \$1,600. What would you do with that money if you didn't have to pay tuition?



Peter Labberton
Freshman

"A trip to someplace warm."



Amy Scott
Junior

"I'd probably go to Mexico for a month to improve my Spanish."

Compiled by James Spung and Caroline Davis

Board approves annual tuition hike

James Spung
Staff writer

Student expenses such as tuition and other mandatory fees are set to increase — again.

An increase of 5.8 percent in student expenses, which includes tuition, mandatory fees, a standard room fee and an Unlimited A meal plan, was approved by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees last month.

The increase will bring tuition up to \$25,382 per year, or \$1,538 more than last year. Room and board fees have increased by \$264.

A few different factors are driving the increase in student expenses, said Dale Soden, executive assistant to the president.

"One is student demand for increased quality," Soden said. "We want to tell students that their experience here will be as good, and we'd like to think better, than other schools."

Mandatory fees included as overall student expenses include an ASWC fee of \$180, an \$80 basic insurance fee and a student center fee of \$50 that is used for maintenance, improvement and repairs to the Hixson Union Building.

With an endowment of around \$70 million and an operating budget of roughly \$40 million, Whitworth is what Soden called a tuition-dependent college.

"Eighty to 90 percent of what we're spending to run the place comes from tuition," Soden said. "If we can grow the endowment, we can become less dependent on tuition."

Soden was clear that the endowment is not built on student expenses.

Soden added that other factors contributing to the increase in tuition include "deferred maintenance," or the depreciation of buildings on campus and the college's continuing effort to improve faculty compensation.

The administration compares its faculty salaries to those at 30 other regional and national institutions. Whitworth began as one of the lowest colleges on the list in the early 1990s, but in the interest of recruiting and maintaining faculty, the administration is trying to increase faculty salaries by at least 2 percent above inflation every year, Soden said.

These increases, in turn, require increases in tuition and mandatory fees.

Sixty-eight percent of the college's total operating income — 91.5 percent of which is revenue from student expenses — is used to pay the salaries and benefits for faculty and administration, controller Luz Merkel said.

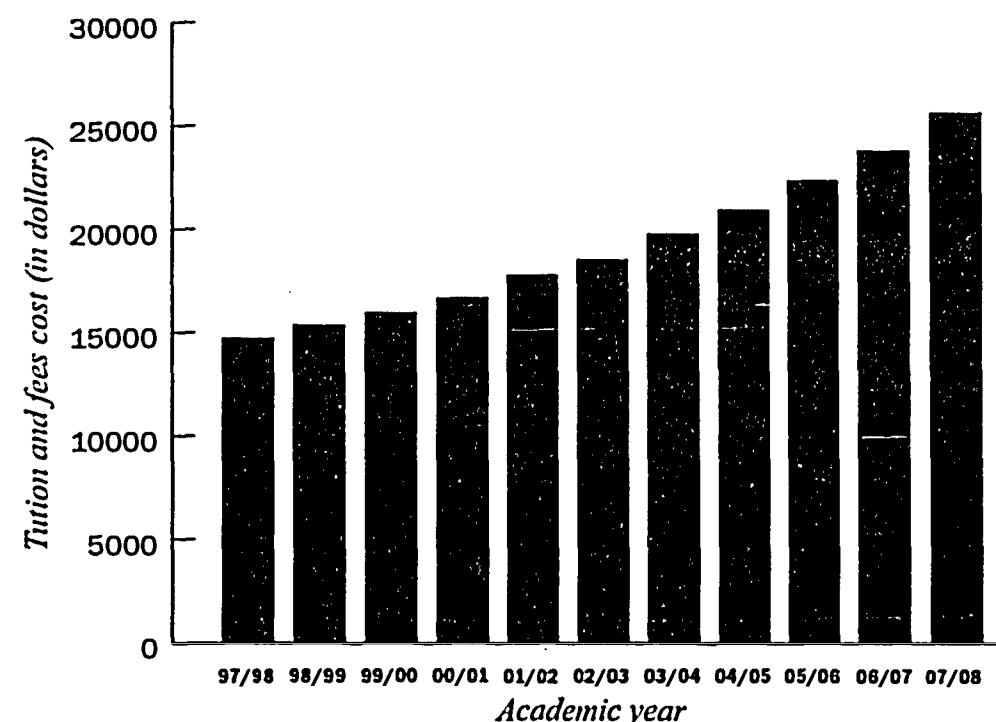
The remaining revenue is put towards operating expenses, which include utilities, building maintenance and repairs, student board expenses, taxes and licenses.

The higher student expenses are not new to this year. For the past 10 years, the typical increase in tuition and fees has been between 5 and 7 percent per year, Soden said.

The administration is not afraid to share the details of its decision-making process in terms of the tuition increases, Soden said, adding that most people would generally make the same decisions.

TUITION INCREASE

Increase in Whitworth tuition and fees over the past ten years, not adjusted for inflation



Information courtesy of the Business Affairs Office

"Ninety-five percent of the questions we get are, 'I wish we could spend more money on this,' not 'We're spending too much money on this,'" Soden said.

The tuition increase was approved by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, which convened in a special session in January. The increase was recommended by a cabinet, including Merkel and President Bill Robinson, before being submitted to the Board.

One concern among students who receive merit-based financial aid packages beginning their first year in attendance is that these scholarships, which are valued at a set amount for each year, do not increase proportionally with tuition.

In other words, the scholarships — which are guaranteed over four years as long as the student's grade-point average remains above a certain threshold — cover proportionally less of total student expenses as tuition, fees, room and board increase each year.

"What we know is that we have a lot more departmental scholarships available at the junior and senior level that attempt to compensate," Soden said.

Whitworth also makes a point to guarantee the scholarships for four years, something many institutions do not do, Soden said.

"The college makes that commitment that this is your financial aid package for four years," Merkel said.

Intramural Field

Student tuition next year will also be used as funds to complete the new intramural field be-

ing built near the Westside Athletics Field, on the corner of Waikiki and Hawthorne roads.

Just under 20 percent of the field's construction will be funded by tuition and general revenue, Soden said.

"We had a donor give a substantial gift for new recreational facilities, and we made the decision to supplement that," Soden said.

There were also a substantial number of appeals for more recreational facilities specifically for intramurals last year.

"[The decision] was student-driven. The students requested the field to Student Life," Merkel said.

Limiting Tuition Increase Authority Bill

A bill calling for limits on the percent that Washington state institutions can increase tuition per year was introduced into the legislature on Jan. 8. The bill, which would prohibit tuition increases from exceeding either the rate of inflation or half of the students' share for instruction costs, was sent to the Ways and Means Committee last Thursday.

While the provisions of the bill would be limited to state institutions of higher learning, any limit of this sort to state colleges and universities will probably have "some impact" on private schools in Washington, Soden said.

"You can't be so out of alignment with [state schools] that students won't go here," Soden said. "We would have to watch that."

Soden added that this bill, or one like it, might urge private institutions to keep increases in student expenses lower than, or at least equal to, the increase of inflation.

World BRIEFS

Bank defends immigrant card program

Bank of America Corp. is defending its recent program that will grant credit cards to people without Social Security numbers, in spite of criticism that the program essentially endorses illegal immigration.

Opposition has arisen from members of Congress and grass-roots groups who are wary of not only providing benefits to illegal immigrants, but also identity theft, money laundering and terrorism.

The National Illegal Immigration Boycott Coalition has collected over 11,000 signatures on a boycott petition.

Bank of America Chief Executive Kenneth Lewis defended the new program last Thursday in the Wall Street Journal.

North Korea invites nuke facilities talks

The director of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Mohamed ElBaradei, said he and North Korean authorities would discuss items related to North Korea's nuclear programs.

ElBaradei will likely visit in the second week of March, after the IAEA meets on North Korea and Iran, another country of nuclear concern.

Though he offered no details, ElBaradei's statements signaled North Korea's continuing willingness to open its nuclear program to outside countries. North Korea withdrew from the Nonproliferation Treaty three years ago and demanded that agency inspectors leave.

North Korea, under a Feb. 13 agreement, assented to dismantle its nuclear facilities and to stabilize its relationships with South Korea, Japan and the United States in exchange for oil shipments, security guarantees and other aid.

Iraqi refugees to resettle in United States

The State Department said last week it was planning to speed up the resettlement of 7,000 Iraqi refugees in the United States. Officials said it is probable these refugees will move to America within a year.

The announcement arrives amid growing sectarian violence in Iraq, along with political and diplomatic pressure on the Bush administration to take in those displaced by the war.

Faculty salaries tied into tuition increase

Leah Moltz
Assistant copy editor

In a letter sent Feb. 12 to students and parents, Whitworth announced a 5.8 percent tuition increase that will further aid them in staying competitive in the higher education market.

"The tuition increase will go towards improvement of the academic program by providing new positions and improvement of faculty and staff salaries," the letter said.

To evaluate the salary and compensation of faculty, Whitworth uses data collected from 30 comparable higher educational institutions.

Schools include Wheaton College in Illinois, Oregon's George Fox University and Washington's Seattle Pacific University and Whitman College.

Dolores Humiston, Director of Human Resources, said data collected from the 30 schools is compiled in the College and University Professional Association for

Human Resources directory.

"We're trying to be competitive in the market where we are located," controller Luz Merkel said.

Multiple factors are considered when deciding an employee or faculty member's salary, benefits and overall compensation.

"Salary grade and length of service are the two influences on salary," President Bill Robinson said.

Tenured positions, office duties, additional teaching responsibilities and leadership positions affect compensation.

Compensation packages are composed of base salary in addition to added benefits the individual may receive.

"Everybody gets a base salary plus benefits," Merkel said. She explained individuals may receive additional compensation from adjunct or overload contracts.

Humiston said individual com-

pensation packages may include medical coverage, tuition reimbursement, life insurance, retirement contribution and grants.

"They get paid for an academic year of 9 months," Humiston said. She said some faculty, dependant on position and responsibilities, are compensated for 10 or 11 months.

"The ongoing challenge of compensation is a real one for the institution to recruit and retain good people," Dale Soden, executive assistant to the President, said.

Robinson said it can be difficult to compare compensation packages as there is no universal formula to decide what components are included.

"Compensation is so inconsistently calculated," he said. "Whitworth does it right I think. Whitworth counts everything that could be counted [as compensation]."

"We're trying to be competitive in the market where we are located."

"We're trying to be competitive in the market where we are located."

Luz Merkel,
Controller

Campus BRIEFS

Essay contest open to discuss peace culture

An essay contest is being held to discuss a culture of peace.

The contest is open to any undergraduate student. It is in conjunction with Gonzaga University and the United States Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C. Entries should be five to seven pages in length and discuss the future of a peaceful culture. The deadline is March 5.

Royal T will be in HUB to collect applications

Royal T will be in Lied Square to collect cap and gown applications March 5 from noon to 6:30 p.m. and March 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Seniors will receive applications in the mail over the next few weeks.

Students may also fill out a form during these two dates.

Personal items needed for homeless

In response to the Urban Plunge, students are conducting a drive to collect products for the homeless.

Items needed include shaving cream, toothpaste, women's hygiene items, travel-size shampoo and other toiletries.

Collection boxes will be in residence halls and the HUB through next week. Items will be donated to The House of Charity and Women's Hearth.

Muddy Buddies for sale in HUB on Mondays

Members of the Mexico Missions team will be selling Muddy Buddies each Monday until Spring Break.

The \$2 snacks will be sold during lunch in the Hixson Union Building.

All proceeds and donations will go towards the mission trip to Tijuana, Mexico during Spring Break.

Guitarist to give free recital in Music Building

Classical guitarist Petar Jankovic, professor of guitar at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music will give a free recital Sunday, March 4 in the Music Building Recital Hall. Jankovic is a two-time gold, silver and bronze medalist at the Yugoslavia National Music Competition.

Compiled by Joy Bacon

Warren reelects representative

Hannah Whitsel
Staff writer

Geoffrey Etter won the election last Thursday evening to become the Warren Hall representative.

LaShawnta Ervin stepped down from her position as Warren representative on Feb. 13, opening the position for a new candidate.

"LaShawnta was over-committed, and she didn't have enough time," Executive Vice President Andrea Naccarato said.

Etter is a sophomore physics major. He ran for Arend representative last year.

Primary elections took place from last Wednesday night in Warren. Candidates were allowed to campaign until 7 p.m. Thursday evening, and general elections took place in Warren from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m., Naccarato said.

"Since the election is only for one dorm, we decided not to do online elections; they were ballot only," Naccarato said.

There was an ASWC



Warren resident and junior Steven Brack casts his ballot for Warren representative during reelection last week.

retreat on Friday, and they

wanted to have the new Warren representative in place by then, Naccarato

said.

"The position requires lots of communication between the senator and the

representative," Naccarato said. "It also involves constituency reports and attendance of ASWC meetings. We have Springfest and the Bachelor Auction this term, that the representative would need to be involved in."

Naccarato thought both candidates were equally qualified for the position.

"They both seemed responsible. Geoff asked to be able to sit on the zoning subcommittee. I was very impressed," Naccarato said.

Freshman Eden Baldwin also ran for Warren representative in the primaries, but she did not meet the qualifications to run in the general elections.

"My GPA didn't qualify," Baldwin said.

Etter's class load was lighter than he anticipated at the beginning of this term, so he said he has enough time to manage the position.

"I'm responsible, I can manage time effectively, and I spend a lot of time with Warren residents," Etter said.

Etter has not been on ASWC before, but he was a cross country captain and has attended ASWC meetings, Etter said.

"I have an ability to see the big picture. I can communicate with students about current issues. I'm comfortable talking to students about their opinions," Etter said.

Etter has been sitting on the zoning subcommittee.

"I think it's a good idea in general. It would save money, and it would force the representatives to visit more dorms," Etter said.

Etter said he did not plan on proposing any changes to the plan.

"I think it might strengthen the community at Whitworth. Fewer representatives would give us faster results," Etter said.

Etter said his biggest concern with the proposal is that the change will not be accepted by the student body.

As representative, Etter said he wants the general consensus for change in Warren to be heard.

VOTE: Proposed constitutional changes cut down representation

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Off-campus representation is impacted the most by the proposed changes as it loses one representative.

Smelser said under the current system there are approximately 250 off-campus students represented for one voting member. Under the proposed system, there would be about 330 off-campus students represented for one voting member.

Job descriptions for the different positions would change minimally.

On-campus representatives will be responsible for only putting on a minimum of one traditional event and one service event. In the past, each senator was responsible for putting on one major event and service project every semester.

A few programs would no longer fall under the responsibility of ASWC. The traditional Mac Haunted House event will fall to residence life.

Ballard senator Amy Moos said she spoke to residence life in McMillan who said they could easily take on the traditional event.

Associate dean of students Dick Mandeville said he was hesitant to



ASWC Executive Vice President Andrea Naccarato, Ballard senator Amy Moos and Warren senator Caroline Davis discuss changes to the ASWC constitution last week during a subcommittee meeting.

comment on the impact this proposal will have on residence life before he spoke to resident directors.

Mandeville said he was concerned if important programming will be cut.

Mandeville also said he was not very familiar with the proposed changes.

"The real kicker is what students want," Mandeville said. "It will be interesting to see what students think."

Another concern brought up at the meeting was the grouping of McMillan, Ballard and Schumacher Halls into one zone.

"Logistically, this probably won't work. To go into another

building is way more difficult," director of student activities Dayna Coleman Jones said. "My fortune telling is that you will change it within a year to have a different representative in Mac than Ballard."

Duvall senator and senior Seth Wall believed the issue of male-female representation could be resolved.

"The purpose of putting the dorms together is to have equal amount of people in the zones. Ballard and Mac have 80 people each and the other dorms are close to 160," Wall said.

The proposal was originally created with the intent to align student government more closely with the college. Most universities are broken up into several colleges by academic discipline.

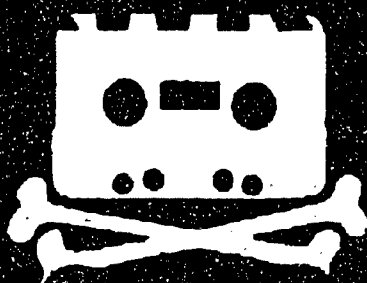
However, the college currently has no plans to change its governing structure according to executive assistant to the president Dale Soden.

"More likely than not if we continue to grow and add programs, we will reorganize, but that's not in the current plan," Soden said last week. "We want to be ready to adapt ourselves to changes that might occur in the future."

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Pod life rules over lounges

Tim Takechi
Staff writer

As the spring semester gets underway, the newest dorm on campus, Duvall Hall, is working to develop its own identity.

Developing strong community life in a large building like Duvall presents difficulties that are not impossible to overcome, said April McGonigal, resident director of Duvall.

McGonigal said Duvall's community pod setup, where between six and eight students are housed together, can make it difficult for these clusters of students to establish close dorm-wide community.

"I think students are enjoying the pod communities," McGonigal said. "There are some challenges and it is harder to get to know people from other pods."

Such challenges are being addressed by the resident assistants.

Junior Kyle Pflug, RA on the second floor, said he and other RAs are working together to create strong community life among Duvall residents by organizing activities in which all students can participate.

"We focus on inter-pod activities with team competitions made up of students from each pod," Pflug said.

Pflug said developing solid community life is still in the experimental stage this year. Once RAs establish a good system for

bringing the community together, Duvall can establish a unique campus identity.

Prime times and dorm activities in the lounges make for the best ways to unite the large building. McGonigal said students have played indoor badminton games and watch television shows in the movie rooms.

Pflug agrees that Duvall's spacious lounges are an outlet unique to the dorm.

"The lounges are where students get to know each other," Pflug said.

Due to the sheer size of the building, students living in Duvall tend to hang out with fellow students living in their pod instead of branching out. McGonigal said such problems are common around campus.

Students living in a more traditional building like Baldwin-Jenkins Hall or Arnd Hall may not have the best housing set up for their personality, McGonigal said. Buildings like Stewart, Boppell or Duvall may fit their tastes better.

"Each building has their own identity and positives and negatives," McGonigal said.

Freshman Brittany Hill lives on Duvall's third floor. She appreciates the pod system because it allows for more privacy and closeness with fellow podmates. She enjoys living in Duvall and likes getting to know people during lounge activities.

"For not being an all-freshmen dorm, we have pretty good community," Hill said.



Tyler Zuck/Whitworthian

Freshman Caleb Kaplowitz, junior Taylor Counts, sophomore Dan Lewis and senior Kalen Spees play video games in a pod in Duvall Hall last week.

Although the community she knows best is comprised of her podmates, Hill said she takes advantage of Primetimes to get to know a wider variety of students.

Sophomore Kevin Faw regularly attends Duvall's Prime times in order to become familiar with the other students who live in his building.

As an off-campus student during his freshman year, Faw only knows the dorm experience Duvall offers. He appreciates the building's setup as a way to establish intimate community with his podmates.

"You can get a whole lot closer to fewer people instead of more," Faw said. "You get to know them on a personal basis."

WASTE: Sodexho looks at options to cut excess

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dents can cut down on waste, O'Brien said.

"A lot of students have the impression that it's an all-you-can-eat program," O'Brien said. "That's unfortunate because it's not good to waste food, energy, water or other resources."

Due to several waste reduction procedures, waste from Sodexho is minimal.

"We cook pizzas and make sandwiches to order so that we don't have to throw out what students don't eat," O'Brien said. "If we have beef or other meat left over, we use it in soup or stew the following day."

Sodexho managers decide how many servings of a par-

ticular entrée should be prepared based on the number of portions consumed the last time the entrée was served.

"If we prepare 700 portions of the french dip sandwiches and have 100 left over, then the next week we would prepare 600 portions," O'Brien said.

Sodexho also minimizes waste by donating unused food to Campus Kitchens, a program that allows college food services to provide meal components that students assemble and deliver to homeless people in their area.

Campus Kitchens is not yet established at Whitworth, but Sodexho gives left-over food to their twin branch at Gonzaga, which has hosted the

program since 2005.

Whitworth's Sodexho managers are currently considering the idea of establishing dining policies that will force students to consider how much they waste.

Possible options include the purchase of smaller trays for student use, the complete elimination of trays, or allowing students to take only one entrée at a time, O'Brien said.

"These procedures might anger students, but it will make them more responsible in terms of their waste," O'Brien said. "Students think that Sodexho is a big company trying to make money. But we're trying to minimize waste."

Possible program serves leftovers to unemployed

Candace Pontoni
Staff writer

Sodexho managers at Whitworth are currently in the process of establishing Campus Kitchens, a program founded in Washington D.C. that allows students to work with college kitchen staff to maximize the use of leftovers.

Whitworth is lacking the transportation necessary for complete participation in the program, but the organization's Gonzaga University chapter has arranged for pickup of food leftovers from Whitworth's kitchens.

"We're trying to organize it bet-

ter," Jim O'Brien, the Sodexho general manager at Whitworth, said. "We need to gather more food, and fix the problem of transport."

Charles Wesley, the Sodexho general manager at Gonzaga, said Gonzaga's kitchen has created thousands of meals for unemployed adults since the program was established at the university in 2005.

"We were the first campus west of the Mississippi to implement the Campus Kitchens program," Wesley said.

Campus Kitchens was founded in 2001 and is staffed primarily by student volunteers.

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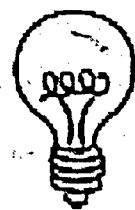
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IN THE LOOP

An editorial

ASWC check-up yields strong results

Accountability is a hard issue to address, but for campus leaders it is an issue they need to hear about. The Whitworthian reported on the status and progress of the ASWC executives in last week's edition of the newspaper. The report gave a seemingly positive outlook of the executives and the jobs they have performed this year. The news story was accurate, but there are also areas that are lacking for this group of executives.

President Fa'ana Fanene has grown into the position of president this year. At the onset she seemed unsure of herself and has improved as a communicator working to close some of the gaps between students and ASWC.

However, Fanene has failed to provide the student with her vision. Fanene did not come into the president's position with a hard agenda and she has not asserted herself in that way this year. She needs to start.

When she was running for president last year, Fanene set forth a vision to bridge activities with academics. That has not happened yet.

Fanene wanted to host a faculty versus student cricket game, which has morphed into a dodgeball game as the weather has worsened. If it happens, the dodgeball game would be a good first step. Fanene also worked in conjunction with vice president of academic affairs Michael Le Roy to do a trial run of the "Dine With the Mind Program." Only 12 students have used the program thus far, a meager showing at best.

Fanene has the leadership ability to make things happen. With three months left in the school year, it is now time for her to apply that ability.

So far this semester executive vice president Andrea Naccarato has done an incredible job handling the meetings and pressures associated with the ongoing ASWC changes.

Naccarato came prepared to last week's sub-committee meetings, bringing not only ideas but pertinent documents that committee members needed.

Also, Naccarato has made it a point to be visible to the student body, making an effort to show up to campus-wide events. She has showed effective leadership during ASWC meetings, keeping members on-task and accountable.

As student elections and applications for ASWC positions are starting to be the main focus of ASWC, it will be up to Naccarato to make sure students are well-informed and elections run smoothly. Naccarato is planning on holding an informational meeting for all the candidates running in this year's election, so they know the expectations before they get involved.

This shows the heart that Naccarato has for students. She cares a lot. Naccarato is showing she will continue to work hard to inform students in an effective manner.

Jeff Hixson came into the position of financial vice president with viable experience in the real-world and it has shown in his performance. By his own standards he feels like he has done a strong job keeping the financial information for ASWC in order. In an interview, he said there has not been any unauthorized spending on the ASWC debit card; a positive considering there were problems with it last year.

However, of late, Hixson has been wavering in presenting requisitions in a timely way. Hixson waited till the second ASWC meeting this year to bring forward a requisition from last semester. The requisition was promptly tabled to the finance committee and the issue is still not resolved.

Also, in the Accountability Report, Hixson did not reply to a number of requests for an interview. While his fellow ASWC members speak highly of him, not responding at all to an interview request raises several questions. Does he not care? Was he too busy? Or does it go back to doing things in a timely way?

Whatever the answer, Hixson has provided ASWC with financial stability.

This school year is not over yet. For this year's leadership there is still time to act.

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Buy a ring, win \$5K!



PETER BURKE
Opinions
Editor

worth grad jokingly should complete by the time graduation day rolls around.

Until this fall, the Ring by Spring was just a big joke describing the Whitworth phenomenon of countless seniors getting engaged during the winter of their senior year in order to plan for a wedding quickly after graduation.

Then the poster went up in the HUB and the \$5,000 Most Romantic Proposal contest began. The rules are simple. Pounder's Jewelers will reimburse the cost of a ring bought at their store (up to \$5,000) to the student (from Gonzaga or Whitworth) who submits the "most romantic" engagement story. A panel of judges will decide which proposal is the most romantic after the April deadline passes.

The clever (or more appropriately "crafty") advertising campaign by Pounder's has capitalized on the Ring by Spring phenomenon to make a quick buck. The marketing strategy by the local jewelry store is painfully simple and effective: "Lots of Whitworth students are buying wedding rings during the winter, why not give them an incentive to come into our store?"

What is exactly wrong with the contest then? It seems at the outset like a smart marketing campaign that will benefit a wedding ring buyer and a local business.

What is wrong is that the contest perpetuates the sickly cycle that Whitworth students are in, pointing to marriage as the necessary next step to dating someone for a year or two. It makes it the norm that when you are about to leave college you are at a crossroads that must be decided by one of two actions. One is marriage and the other is breaking up.

The Ring by Spring mentality puts an undue pressure on college students to get married even if they are not mentally or emotionally ready because there is an expectation in the college community that the Ring by Spring is coming

That catchy little phrase Ring by Spring never ceases to bring a silly smirk to my face. It's part of Whitworth's "little three," or more pointedly, three actions that every Whit-

in every long-term dating relationship ... (Wedding bells!! Honeymoon!! Baby on board!! Booyah!!)

The contest itself is not a problem, the problem is that the contest is a contributing factor to burning the Ring by Spring mentality into the psyche of so many Whitworth students.

Take as an example an acquaintance of mine that has been dating for more than two years, but has not popped the question yet. I do not know his reason, but the fact is that when I have been around him this semester, at least three people have asked him if he has asked his girlfriend to marry him yet. How frustrating must that be for him? I can hardly imagine what his girlfriend must be going through as her friends put pressure on her about when she thinks it

will happen, or even how she feels while so many friends are setting wedding dates while she is finishing up her senior year.

The reason he and she are being nagged about marriage is not because they are waiting, but because of the Ring by Spring mentality that is so ingrained in Whitworth culture. The expectation of marriage is stifling to dating couples who are not getting married anytime soon. Simply put, Ring by Spring is an old-fashioned, baby boomer generation concept that needs to be retired. It is simply unrealistic and unfair to assume that dating couples should get married right after graduation.

As for the contest, I have two things to say.

One: If this contest changes how and when you would propose, don't enter. There is an authenticity that comes along with doing something special, yet meaningful in your own way and not to win a contest.

Two: There is no guarantee you will win the contest, so if you spend more on a ring than is in your budget and you lose, too bad, so sad. The contest does not actually have any affect on prospective buyers, instead it leaves a mental scar on the rest of us. A scar that only deepens with every mention of the Ring by Spring.

As for the "little three," the other two are a little less complicated: Catching a falling pinecone and dropping your food-laden tray in Saga. I'll take my chances with those.

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"A 'Most Romantic Proposal' contest throws Whitworth men into a daredevil frenzy, with dangerous results... 'Ring by Spring'—if they survive. We'll have more at 10."



It's hard to hate your friends

GALEN SANFORD
Writer



If you see her in summer you'll remark on the colors on her arms. A fairy tale of characters meander on her shoulders. You'll see her crystal eyes, note her platinum pixie hair glistening like rain.

She works at FedEx. Stare long enough and she'll snap at you, a harshness that hides the kindest heart I know. Her compassion is for kids and cats and the sick.

Get her talking and she'll show herself impulsive, and brilliant. Her tongue stud will flash like her intellect, like her eyes, competing and challenging.

When we were kids everything was a contest. We'd make up enormous multiplication problems which she'd solve a second ahead of me. She was better at darts, I at checkers. I at talking my way out of trouble, she at getting exactly what she wanted.

We raced everywhere. One day we were racing out the door, down the stairs, to the car, in the car, to get our

seat belts on. My Mom got fed up. She leaned over the front seat and said somewhat seriously, "If you two don't stop racing, I'm going to throw both of you in that garbage can." Laura retorted, "Well, we'll just fight about who gets thrown in first."

These are the things we talk about now. The time when we were nine and she was losing at Chinese checkers, and she backed away from the game board just to fall the six feet off the edge of my bunk bed. Or the time I punched her for beating me at darts. Playing ship, roller blading, memorizing all the sharks at the Point Defiance Zoo, high school teachers and high school grades (we graduated with the same GPA), college, odd jobs, parties, books, games, families. Recently her Mom gave my Mom a kidney, uniting our families in blood. Her brother is my little brother. She is my sister, these 22 years.

So how often does it come up that she's a lesbian? Only once or twice in the past couple of years. When I met her girlfriend. When we grimace at the whispers. When people mention it. They say, "You know Laura right?" I nod and they jump to their pulpit. "You know she's a ... right?" I nod again, but before the

actual preaching starts, I excuse myself. When they see Laura they see a challenge, a target for their proselytism. They're missing out. When I see Laura, I see her first perm, AP English, Grandma Ware's house, jumping on beds and senior Prom; I hear her laugh and her frustration against impersonal authority. I know her and I remember our experiences.

Otherwise her sexuality comes up in conversation as often as my straightness does. Which isn't much. There's better stuff to talk about. Our sexual orientations are not ignored, or unacknowledged, but they don't define us. Our sexuality takes back seat to what does define us: attitude and antidisestablishmentarianism, alcohol and opinions, and friends.

Which is why I wonder why homosexuality is such a popular, controversial topic. My friends can't be defined so simply as "gay" or "straight." Gay or straight, they're all complex, unsterotypical. They defy lazy summarizations. You'd probably like them.

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Celebrity worship a societal plague

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Did you hear that Britney Spears shaved her head? She's back in rehab too — and the timing couldn't be worse. She's in the middle of a custody battle with her ex-husband, K-Fed.

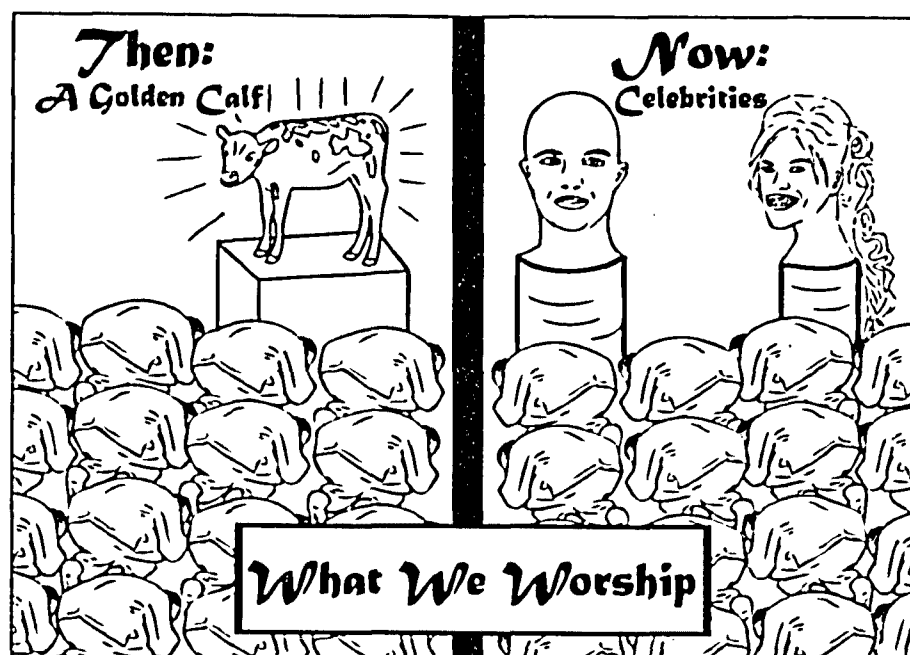
Still reading? I knew you would be. Why? Because you are an American, a member of a gossip-mongering, nosey society with nothing but money and free time during which to spend it.

And you don't even care, really, about Britney, K-Fed or their two infants hanging in the balance. You care about seeing someone fall from glory to ruin. You care about being entertained by the story of the unraveling of Britney's life and about comparing your life to how twisted hers is.

This is a creeping problem with our news that tells us much more about the patrons than the purveyors. Those producing celebrity-oriented news, from CNN.com to the tabloids you see in the grocery store checkout line are only putting out there exactly what you the public want to read. One sign of this is what is found in the top stories on CNN.com.

As of Feb. 23, only five of the top twelve stories of the day are political. When I say "political," I am referring to the American sense of the word, which essentially consists of anything dealing with government or the rest of the world. Under this loose definition is included everything from Gore's environmentalist antics to the Democrats' ultra-secret plan for the future of U.S. involvement in Iraq.

Only one story contained anything truly significant, namely the FBI sting operation which foiled corrupt cops in Florida. The remaining six stories appeal



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to the sensationalist in us all. From the tale of the hiccupping woman who has not been able to stop for a month to the near tragic biting of a boy by a pit bull named 'Fatal' CNN lays down the standard for competent, headline journalism.

Be reminded: These twelve stories are what CNN thinks the public most wants to hear. They are quite entertaining, to be sure, but are they news? Or do they merely cater to the public's desire to be entertained but still feel like an informed, responsible individual by checking the news?

Sure, the war in Iraq is dramatic and pertinent, and foreign policy and local politics are important to you the individual, but face it: You'd rather hear the latest news about the upcoming movie based on your favorite book or who married whom during their wild binge in Las Vegas.

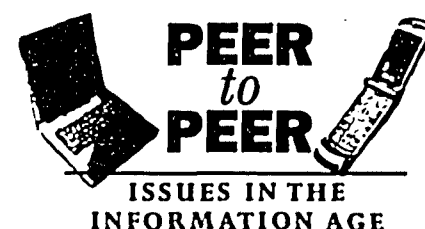
American culture is under siege. Unfortunately, like the Egyptians and Romans before us, the siege comes not from

outside our borders, but from within.

As a society our focus is increasingly less and less on politics and important civic matters and is narrowing more and more on physical appearance and how best to entertain ourselves. If we allow ourselves to become apathetic about these drastically important matters, who will begin making the choices for us? Do we even care enough to pay attention to what is going on around us?

Unless we keep our wits about us, we will be rudely awakened from our carefully-constructed dreamland to find ourselves face-to-face with the cruel, iron reality that there is more to this world than the pithy dramas of pampered, whiney superstars writhing in their decadence.

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Wireless networks in question thanks to RIAA

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Staff Writer

Just when you thought it was safe to jump back in the water, the Recording Industry Association of America filed a motion last Thursday directly threatening the legal viability of unsecured WiFi networks.

The motion claims that the operator of a wireless network ought to be held responsible for infringements of copyright that occur through that network, regardless of the operator's knowledge of their actions.

The tactic is a desperate measure by the RIAA to turn the tide of their war on music piracy back in their favor. The court case that resulted in this appeal, *Capitol v. Foster*, slapped the RIAA with more than \$50,000 in attorney's fees on Feb. 6 after the defense revealed that though the defendant's network was used to infringe on copyright, they were not involved in the actual infringing activity.

While in the specifics of this case it was not an outsider connecting to the Foster's network but instead the defendant's daughter. Should the RIAA's appeal win it could still affect "open" networks everywhere. *Capitol v. Foster* has already been cited by the defense in other cases brought by the RIAA involving wireless networks, so with \$50,000 already down the hole and the potential for tens of thousands more in the future, the RIAA is seeking to cripple this line of defense once and for all.

The decision in *Capitol v. Foster* is just yet another in a long line of courtroom setbacks for the RIAA. Past shining examples of RIAA excellence in the justice system include charging a 66-year-old woman with sharing gangsta rap, taking a family who didn't even own a computer to court, suing a dead person and pressuring a teen-aged witness into perjury before demanding that witness stand by their false story — claiming the RIAA's lawyers wouldn't have a case otherwise.

Right now, the future of *Capitol v. Foster* and unsecured WiFi is murky; an appellate court could decide either way. The simplest route for concerned WiFi users to avoid problems, should this appeal succeed, is to secure any networks under their control. Often this is as simple as configuring a password through the admin tools of a wireless modem or router.

This solution only protects those worried about the infringement of foreign users — not those who may engage in file-sharing themselves. For those who use file-sharing programs, again the solution is simple: disable sharing on your own computer, since every RIAA case thus far has targeted uploaders, not downloaders.

But the real potential chilling effect, should the RIAA have its way, is on businesses and other groups that intentionally provide free, open wireless as a service or draw for potential customers. Gone would be the days of enjoying free wireless at the few coffee shops kind enough to provide it, and wireless networks like Whitworth's might be threatened, too. If their networks were to remain open, they might find themselves subject to liability if anyone uses that network to share music.

The RIAA is grasping at straws to make anyone and everyone at risk in the scatter-shot crusade against their own customer base. In the motion filed in *Capitol v. Foster*, they claim that the defendant should still be held liable for the copyright infringement, since "the computer may well have been in a common area such that defendant heard music coming from the computer when admitted infringer Amanda Foster [her daughter] was using it."

In the RIAA's version of reality, we should all demand that the owners of sound systems everywhere provide immediate proof that the music we hear playing was legally gathered — just for safety's sake. Even though that sounds to me just a hairbreadth away from thought-crime, who knows? Maybe the next time I hear someone playing "Fergalicious", I'll have a legal recourse to alert the RIAA. Obviously, no one would pay for that.

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Talking about sex in your relationship builds trust

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I have several friends who have made the choice to have sex with their boy- or girlfriends. In my opinion, as long as they are safe and realize that this decision can, and most likely will, change their relationship, I'm fine with it. But if my friends were going around sleeping different people every Friday night, I'd have a problem.

However, like I said last week, I think that most Whitworth students would disagree with my choice to love my friends for who they are rather than chastising them for being intimate with their boy or girlfriend. Again, safety is my first concern, followed by my friends' emotional health. Incidentally, sex comes with emotional changes and it's not just about physical attraction.

A Whitworth couple

One of my friends was kind enough to share some of her experiences with me about when she started talking with her friends her sexual relationship with her boyfriend. I've decided to call them Jenny and Craig for this illustration since I can't find a couple on Facebook with these names. Jenny and Craig have been together for 1 year and three months.

"Craig and I moved into having an intimate relationship during this school year, but it was a difficult topic to approach with just anyone," Jenny said. "I am blessed with incredibly supportive friends and yet I feel reluctant to share this portion of my relationship with them, let alone ask about theirs."

Jenny feels more comfortable talking about sex in spontaneous, comfortable situations with women who are in committed relationships, rather than planning conversations. She thinks that talking with her usual clique of friends is an entirely different atmosphere.



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I'd agree. Anytime someone in my group of friends brings up sex, inevitably, one of the guys says something ... um ... distasteful, and the conversation goes downhill from there. Frequency and length of encounters (both real and imaginary) are common themes.

Jenny said she wanted to talk to her friends about sex, not only for the sake of answering questions, but so she was able to discuss the benefits and disadvantages of sex in her relationship with people who would meet her on an humble, "I've been there" level.

So she opened up and told her best friend and her roommate. Their reactions were positive and receptive. One of the women has chosen to have sex while the other is still waiting. The one who is waiting said she wanted Jenny to challenge the decision but was nonetheless open and supportive of her.

Talking about sex has helped Jenny have a sense of freedom with being herself.

"The only thing I can ask for is to be comfortable being honest about my choices and who I am with the people I love," Jenny said.

What would you say ...?

Last week, I asked some of my friends and acquaintances what they would say to their best friend if he or she told them they'd had sex the night before. Here are some of their answers in italics ...

Female sophomore: *Do you regret it? Was it good?*

Male senior: *Oh! (He also wanted to know the five W's.)*

Female senior: *Was it with your ex-boyfriend in your car again? 'Cuz that's gross? (Also, was it good? For how long? And how big was it?)*

Female senior: *Ooooo! Why? You're an idiot!*

Male junior: *I think I'd slap them. What are you doing? You're playing Russian roulette with your life!*

Female senior: *Umm, you're not supposed to do that! Did you wear a condom? (Finally a good question!!) Are you freaked out? Do you want to go get a morning-after pill? (She emphasized that she'd be supportive no matter what her views are and that their standards are most important. I think she's my favorite!)*

Male senior: *I'll beat you up! What happened? Why? What's going on?*

Male junior: *Oh my gosh! I'd laugh. Was it good? Its life, we make mistakes; we move on.*

Your turn. I received ONE e-mail about my last column and it didn't even have a question for me in it! I know someone out of the entire student body has a question for me about sexual health, so e-mail me and I'll give you my advice and the hard facts on your topic of choice. Don't be embarrassed! None of your contact information will be included in the article. Get typing!

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HUMOR COLUMN

Interactive theater: Untie the Movietalkers tongue!

Daniel Walters
Staff Writer

So there you are at the movie theatre, \$35 popcorn in your lap and a \$20 cup of Dr. Pepper spilled on the floor. After 45 minutes of Pepsi ads the lights dim and the Regal Cinemas Feature Presentation Roller Coaster Ride commences.

And perfectly on cue, somebody behind you starts talking. They're actually having a conversation in the middle of the theatre! There's babble during "Babel," and "Silent Hill" has never been louder. Who could possibly be that rude?

I could. Yes, my fellow cinemagoers. It's me. I'm the one who's chatting all throughout your cinematic experience. (I'm also the guy who cut you off on Division and who forgets to flush the toilet. I regret nothing!)

Sure, I may be the type of date who stays completely silent during dinner and talks during the entire movie. But you know what? I'm sick of your complaining! I'm sick of your "shushing." Nobody wants to go to a movie to hear a chorus of "shhh!" drowning out our comments on the movie. And we Movietalkers are sick of being mocked by comedians. We're sick of being painted in one clumsy monolithic brushstroke.

In reality, Movietalkers are made of hundreds of different subgroups, each with their own motives, style of dress, secret handshake and catchy Seinfeldesque name. We're like the Sunnis and Shiites, except instead of causing sectarian strife in Iraq, we talk during movies. Here's a quick field guide to the Movietalkers most common to the Northwest Habitat:

The Joker: Not to be confused with the more annoying movie patrons the Smoker and the Midnight Toker, the Joker fires off enough wry, cynical, one-liners to make a heaping bowl of wry, cynical one-liner stew. He is Tom Servo. And the world is his Mystery Science Theatre.

A good Joker's off-the-cuff remarks can get a laugh during even the most unfunny movies, including "Schindler's List," "Saving Private Ryan" and "Big Momma's House 2."

The Cassandra: Cassetras use their well-honed knowledge of cinema to foresee tragedy. Their desperate warnings, however, go unheeded. At times, I've been a Cassandra.

Sometimes I warn the characters in the movie. Like during "Passion of the Christ."

"Don't go in the garden, Jesus! It's a trap!"

Sometimes I warn the audience. Like during "The Da Vinci Code."

"Don't watch the movie!" I frantically yell, hoping I'm not too late. "It's not a very good movie!"

The Questioner: Questioners have an insatiable curiosity, which, while an endearing quality in monkeys, can be a bit aggravating at the theater. Questioners will ask you a series of questions they'd know the answer to if they'd been paying attention to the movie instead of asking questions. Keep your answers simple, and don't lose your cool:

"I swear I've seen that actor before! What was he in?"

"Samuel L. Jackson? No, I think this is the only movie he's ever been in." "Is that hooded man a bad guy?"

"Who? The fellow with the chain saw in his hook hand and the blood of innocent children dripping from his gnarled fangs? Nah, he's just misunderstood. Bad family situation and all."

The Spoiler: Normally the moviegoer has to sit through two hours of exposition to see the stunning plot twist — that M. Night Shyamalan *actually* isn't a very good director. But not when a Spoiler's in the midst.

"So, I hear that in this movie, Keyser Söze is really Spiderman's father — who turns out to be not only a woman, but actually dead the entire time. Also, Snape is Dumbledore."

The Nitpicker: Given a choice between Enjoying the Movie and Being Miserable In Order to Look Like a Snobby Intellectual Schmuck, the Nitpicker will always pick the latter. They'll constantly correct a movie's countless flaws with a nasally sneer, beginning every comment with a derisive snort and the word "Act-ually."

Many of their words are italicized. "Act-ually, at the angle and velocity that bus was traveling there's no way it could possibly jump over the bridge."

"Act-ually, it's highly unlikely that such an inexperienced youngster could ride a cheetah for that distance, even taking into account possible unexplored chemical abilities granted by THC."

"Act-ually, according to the 'New England Journal of Anthropology,' historians doubt that movie cameras even existed in Middle Earth, much less be allowed to film inside the Tower of Cirith Ungol."

The Applauder: Applause and cheering should usually be saved for truly great occasions, like when San Dimas High throws a Hail Mary touchdown pass to win State, or whenever the President uses the words "freedom," "America," "God" or "troops" or "the" during his State of the Union Speech.

Applauders, on the other hand applaud for practically anything during the middle of movies. The music swelling. Will Smith using light profanity. Keanu Reeves saying more than two syllables.

Let me ask you Applauders this: Who are you applauding for? The director? The guy who operated the projector? The dashing heroism of the characters?

Act-ually, since the characters are part of a purely fictional realm that exists only in the wondrous world of imagination, it's pretty doubtful they'd be able to hear you, even if you clapped really really loud.

There are other types as well, like the Popcorn Sharer, Ms. Laughs at Everything, the Impressively Audible Make-out Artist, Colic Baby, the Cell Phone, the Bloodcurdling Screamer, the Woman Who Complains About How Cold Movie Theatres Always Are, and the rare but deadly Rocky Horror Picture Show Fan. While we may have our gripes about each other, if you attack one Movietalker, you attack us all.

We Movietalkers strive to add that extra bit of entertainment, providing jokes, trivia, and asking poignant questions. In fact, many people pay for DVDs that have the director gabbing all during the movie.

We, on the other hand, provide it for free.

Thanks for saving your applause until the end of the column.

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Opinions

Being non-Christian does not mean being "lost"



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This is the story of how, since I've come to Whitworth, I have lost any semblance of religion/faith/belief in anything. I am putting this out there as one example of how being agnostic can be a well-informed decision based on strong convictions, just as being a Christian can be. It is not a judgment of Christians, and it is not my way of saying that Whitworth Christians turned me off to Christianity. On the contrary, I am far more tolerant of the many brands of Christianity than I was while struggling to figure out what Christianity should be.

Seeing discrepancies between different kinds of Christianity as I settled in at Whitworth started a long process of challenging my system of beliefs. I spent a year in Peru working for a very conservative Christian Non Governmental Organization (NGO) before coming to Whitworth, which had already pulled me out of the bubble of the suburban California Presbyterian church where I had found my faith. Upon returning, I immediately came to Whitworth where the religious culture was a far cry from both the strict fundamentalism of the NGO and the trendy Christianity of my home church.

At Whitworth, Christian beliefs seemed to underlie a perspective on the world that I could not relate to — one that excluded "Others." The same thing happens at my home church, but I did not notice it because I was not an "Other." At Whitworth, though, Christianity seemed synonymous with political conservatism and an attitude that a relationship with anyone who is not a Christian was useful only insofar as it served to convert them to Christianity. In fact, my peers questioned my faith because I had dreadlocks, interned for a Democratic candidate for Congress and supported my ex-boyfriend as he came out as gay. I left my church when they practically forced my ex to "choose" to be straight and invited an all-Republican set of political candidates to speak during church services.

I wanted to maintain my faith despite my frustrations with the Church and sought to distill the different versions of Christianity I had encountered down to only the fundamental, universal truth hidden under all the politics. My best resource in this process was my education — most of my classes had a strong theme of analyzing the role of religion in the subject matter.

As an International Studies major, I have looked at how Christianity influences politics and society throughout history, as it relates to many different cultures, and how it has contributed (positively or negatively) to conflicts in the world. In the majority of instances I have studied, the Church has served to pit groups against each other, and prop up corrupt leaders and facilitate their agendas of racism, sexism, and economic oppression. In each cir-

cumstance, the agenda of the church has been twisted to fit someone else's (and by someone else's I mean a wealthy male constituency's) political goals.

For example, in parts of Latin America, the church has historically held a lot of property and political power and fought (violently) to defend them. In WWII Russia, the otherwise secular Socialist government that viewed religion as the opiate of the masses suddenly encouraged people to go to church in order to keep morale up during the war. A Christian world view was the backbone of imperialism as European countries claimed lands that were already occupied by "barbaric" pagans. As an Afrikaans my favorite is that Apartheid in South Africa (and segregation in the United States, by the way) was carefully defended with Biblical passages.

In my classes, I continue to be frustrated at the disconnectedness in our discussions between Christianity in history and the Christianity we practice. The Church in the United States and around the world continues to lag behind the rest of society in its concern for social issues like poverty, disease, racism, sexism and much more. Yet, we seem to see ourselves as set apart from the heinous actions of the Church of the

past or in other countries because we take sandwiches to poor people downtown and go on mission trips. We refuse to carefully examine our contributions to the root of each problem and radically change our habits as a Christian body. I believe this starts with our unwillingness to connect the Church that burned "witches" in the Middle Ages and the Church that has, for centuries and all over the world, forcefully converted or murdered entire ethnic groups with the Church that we are a part of.

Those criticisms of the Church laid the groundwork for me to doubt the very foundation of my religion. I began to seek some common, fundamental beliefs among different versions of Christianity in order to have some objective truth to cling to. Thus far, I have found none — even basics like how salvation is attained, what humans' role on Earth is and the very existence of Heaven and Hell are disputed among Christians. So, as a Christian, where was the truth I sought to cling to?

Traveling through the Rationalist tradition in Core 250 made it even clearer to me that the Christianity I felt so certain of only seemed true to me because it is synchronized with my culture. The leap from what I can rationally conclude about the nature of God and my purpose to accepting my subjective version of Christianity, shaped by my individual life experience and myself, is huge. It is too huge for me to try and believe, only for me to be part of an institution that has, all throughout history, represented the very antithesis to the God of love and peace that I used to know.

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Sounding Board Q: Should there be any mandatory attendance policy?

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Opinions

It is apparently not so easy to love the elderly, yet please do

**SARA
MOREHOUSE**
Writer



**70-year-old
found dead
after
one year**

Vincenzo Riccardi, 70, was found dead in his Hampton Bays, New York, home on Feb. 1.

Police responded to call regarding broken water pipes and discovered Riccardi peacefully passed away in his chair with his TV determinedly humming in the background. The Suffolk County deputy chief medical examiner said he died of natural causes.

What can one do but sigh and say, "Well, it was his time." And, as an elderly, diabetic blind man, it probably was.

The last fact in this case was that his body was mummified from sitting undisturbed in his home for more than one year. That's right; he hadn't been heard from since December 2005.

One's mind instantly starts running with, "Didn't anyone notice he wasn't around?" "Why wasn't his electricity turned off when the bill wasn't paid?" and "How does anyone but ancient Egyptians achieve mummification status?"

Now, I can understand that this incident might slip through the cracks for a couple of days, but ... for more than ONE YEAR.

Riccardi's neighbors were asked if they had noted his absence. No one had. Excuses ranged from his driveway being too long to assumptions that he was in a nursing home. One woman who used to help him with paying his bills, said he was

beginning to demand too much of her. I don't think this woman would have had such a burden if everyone around had pitched in to care about Riccardi.

A common refrain today is that you don't have to see someone to care about them. E-mail, cell phones and MySpace are all enough to keep everyone in touch and engaged in each others lives.

I'm not sure about Riccardi's wireless status, but he did have a rope attached to his front porch and mailbox at the end of his driveway that he would follow to get his mail. In the past year, his mail piled up and then ceased to be delivered.

We are all "checked on" numerous times each day. People see us on

campus, friends meet us to study (or not) and everyone talks to their parents at least every little while (I hope). Imagine if we didn't have this amazing community, daily interaction, or the inkling that someone even thinks

about us with fondness.

I think of my grandma, Gram Sara, 88, who lives just across the street from my parent's home. I forgot to call her on her birthday this year. How long will I assume that she is "always going to be there" and how much will I be impacted when she is gone?

My dad is quite the hero and role model in this situation. After eight hours of construction work every day, he stops by to see her. Just to hear her stories again (and again), to bring in firewood, to get barked at by her dog.

He doesn't do it because he has nothing better to do, he does it because he loves his mother-in-law.

Sure, loving old people takes more

time than sending a text message and they don't go out for coffee at Mind and Hearth very often. It will take patience and you will probably miss the new episode of "Lost."

And don't say, "It's not my grandpa." Everyone deserves the respect of having someone love them. Love wasn't made for Valentine's Day; it was made to cost you something.

If God, who is love, will allow His Son to be killed for you and me, shouldn't we be able to spare the "murder" of a few of our precious hoarded hours.

Of course it is easy to love my friend who sends me cute notes in my student mailbox that say, "Hey Hottie! You are my sunshine!" on construction paper with smiling stickers.

Perhaps hearing the gastrointestinal saga of a 77-year-old for the third time doesn't quite evoke the happy feelings of bright colors and scratch'n'sniff, but if loving others was easy and glamorous, everyone would do it.

"If all you do is love the lovable, do you expect a bonus? Anybody can do that. If you simply say hello to those who greet you, do you expect a medal?" (Matthew 5:46-47a, The Message)

Pretty self-explanatory. Jesus has a way of making things clear, doesn't He?

So, before we all become mummies within ourselves, let's think about those who aren't wrapped in love and share some of our abundance. After all, nothing gets people's attention more than a mummy coming back to life.

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"He doesn't do it because he has nothing better to do, he does it because he loves his mother-in-law."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: "Tuition Increase"

New field a waste of tuition

I'm writing in response to something quite disturbing I've heard floating around the Whitworth Campus — a letter I received in my mailbox informing me of the 5.8 percent tuition increase has confirmed it. Now, I understand the need for more money to accommodate the influx of students, inflation, and other important increases, but an intramural Frisbee field?

The letter states that it "identified this field as the highest priority need for the campus" by students. Who were these students? I did not vote on the said recreational field, and I have yet to speak to anyone who has. I've asked around. As for priorities of the campus, so far to my recollection, we have a Telescope that does not function, an auditorium that does not have up-to-date equipment or facilities, and a music building whose acoustics are sub-par.

On top of this, we have gigantic puddles flooding the sidewalks every winter. Personally, I'd like to see a vote. A vote from the Students themselves, not senators or representatives. Though they are needed for many other tasks, I believe that anything constituting in a raise in tuition (though not the only thing causing it) such as this should be voted on by the ENTIRE student body. If a vote has already been taken without my or the folks I've spoken with knowledge, then I'd like to see the

official results. I understand that Intramurals are a fun, relaxing way for students to enjoy time outside, compete, and get exercise, but what's wrong with the Loop? Personally, I can think of a lot of better ways to spend that money.

Alex Smith
Sophomore
Theater

Re: "Sodexo food service contract open to rebid"

Vegetarian food the best option

I am writing in regards to Luis Lopez's recent article on dining at Whitworth. Particularly, I wanted to comment on the student demand for better vegetarian options. Students go to school to be informed and apply their knowledge to the real world. Who really wants to wake up every morning knowing they are going to pay for animals to be crammed into cages, beaten and then bled to death? When young people learn more than one million animals are slaughtered for food every hour, they understandably want to avoid being part of that violence.

Animals on modern factory farms are

deprived of everything that is natural to them and they are treated in ways that would warrant felony cruelty-to-animals charges if the victims were dogs or cats. Chickens' beaks are sliced off with a hot blade, pigs' tails are chopped off and their teeth clipped with pliers, and cattle and pigs are castrated, all without any pain relief. The animals are confined to crowded, filthy warehouses and dosed with powerful drugs to make them grow so quickly that their hearts and limbs often cannot keep up — they frequently become crippled or suffer from heart attacks when they're only a few weeks old. At the slaughterhouse, they are hung upside-down and their throats are slit, often while they are still conscious.

Is it too much to ask conscientious individuals to eat a healthy, humane diet and put a stop to all this violence?

The good news is one in four college students feel vegan options are important for reasons ranging from cruelty to animals, environmental protection and better health. Colleges are rapidly increasing their vegetarian-friendly options because of student demand for healthy meals that do not contribute to animals' suffering. From faux BBQ "ribs" and soy cheese pizza to vegan cheese cakes, vegetarians can eat all the delicious food they want without supporting practices such as confining animals in tiny cages or slaughtering them.

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By the NUMBERS

**What you can do
with \$32,986
(Whitworth's
tuition)**

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Pay for one year of tuition, fees, room and board at Whitworth

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Purchase two "gorgeous" 18 carat diamond and sapphire rings on eBay.

3

Purchase three pre-owned "Men's Rolex President" watches from wallachswatches.com.

4

Purchase four blue 2000 Volkswagen Beetle's on cars.com.

5

Purchase five Venetian Collection pool tables from pooltablesusa.com.

246

Purchase small business training for 246 African women through Partners International.

4,571

Purchase 4,571 copies of the children's board game "Candyland" from toysrus.com.

9

Purchase nine 52-inch Sharp AQUOS flat, LCD screen televisions from focusedtechnology.com.

12

Pay for 12 full-time students to attend a California State University.

32,986

Purchase 32,986 king-size Milky Way candy bars at your local grocery store.

Compiled by Peter Burke



"BROTHERS AND SISTERS UNITED"

Past racism discussed

Calli Strellnauer
Staff writer

Things have not changed all that much was the theme that emerged from a discussion last weekend between alumni, faculty, community members and students.

Around 175 people filled the Seeley G. Mudd Chapel to hear from Whitworth alumni Frenchy Lamont and Frances Jones-Baker, co-founders of the Black Student Union in the 1960s.



LAMONT
1969



JONES-BAKER
1970

"I'm saddened by the fact that some of the things [Frenchy] and I experienced are still going on," Jones-Baker said. "It's forty years later and that should not be."

Both speakers addressed the racism they faced on campus. Jones-Baker had transferred to Whitworth from New York, becoming one of 24 black students who came to the campus that year.

"I had dealt with mild discrimination in New York, but I had never faced outright bigotry and ignorance until coming to Whitworth," Jones-Baker said. "I am not bitter anymore, but it still hurts."

Jones-Baker and Lamont encountered racism through "Wanted" posters in the Hixson Union Building, racial remarks and threats to their safety. Lamont said they had to dive into ditches to avoid cars trying to run them off the road. Jones-Baker had one student ask her if she really had a tail. When students complained to the administration, administrators told them the other students were just joking.

Both Jones-Baker and Lamont decided that educating

others was the only way to counter the hostility.

"It was students educating students," Jones-Baker said. "That's how the BSU originally started."

Black students formed the BSU as a way to educate others about African-American culture and to gain support and strength from one another.

"A lot of black students gave up their education by educating students," Jones-Baker said.

Jones-Baker said there were administrators and faculty open to change.

A question and answer session brought to light many of the frustrations felt by the minority students currently on campus.

"Why have things not changed since the 1960s?" said Jeremiah Sataraka, secretary of the BSU and co-creator of the event.

Many felt that other students do not think of race as an issue anymore. Because of this many students do not educate themselves about other races and cultures.

The overarching problem seems to be ignorance rather than outright racism. Others were concerned about the lack of growth in the black student population on campus. When the speakers were here 40 years ago, there were 29 black students. Many students at the event said this year there are only 30.

According to the Tenth Day Enrollment Report, there were 49 African-American students enrolled last fall.

One white student said he was shocked by the accounts of past racism expressed in the discussion.

The event, Black History: Our Future, was the result of student's efforts to increase recognition of Black History Month. Sataraka wanted to help the Whitworth campus recognize the impact that African-American culture has had on the world.

Sataraka said members of the BSU paid for Jones-Baker and Lamont to come out of their own pockets.

"I needed to do something to help people recognize the importance of learning from history," Sataraka said.

- Jessica Davis contributed to this report

Team aims to expand dialogues

Jessica Davis
News editor

BSU president Tiffanie Beattie was reluctant to end the ACTION Team meeting last Saturday.

"This is a conversation that needs to keep going," Beattie said.

Around 10 students met to discuss how to address needs for African-American and minority students on campus through an ACTION Team.

ACTION stands for Activism for Campus Transformation and Injustice in Our Nation which is an off-branch of the BSU.

"We felt like we needed to do something," Beattie said. "The first step is to be organized. We think this is the first step."

The creation of the ACTION Team represents a different approach the BSU is taking after previous years of inactivity.

Instead of meeting as a large group, the BSU only meets once or twice a semester. Instead, the group meets in different committees such as the

Soul Food Dinner committee, the Black History Month committee, the Gospel Explosion committee and the ACTION team committee.

"One of our biggest goals was to make it more inclusive and to really capitalize on the white students that wanted to support black students and black student awareness," Beattie said.

The ACTION Team discussed using white students more as liaisons than in the past.

"Colored students are used to breaking that gap and often times white students are not put in that situation," sophomore Obe Quarless said. "We need to have majority members step out and break the ice."

Senior Bobby Walston said he hoped the group would extend conversations about race into the wider student population.

"We have a lot of good conversations in private but they don't really go anywhere," Walston said.

The group decided to focus on several different areas such as developing demands for administrators to hire faculty of another race. The team wants to put together a resource guide of people and organizations who are like minded and wanted to support the cause of the BSU. The team also created positions for a researcher, a historian and a media relations person.

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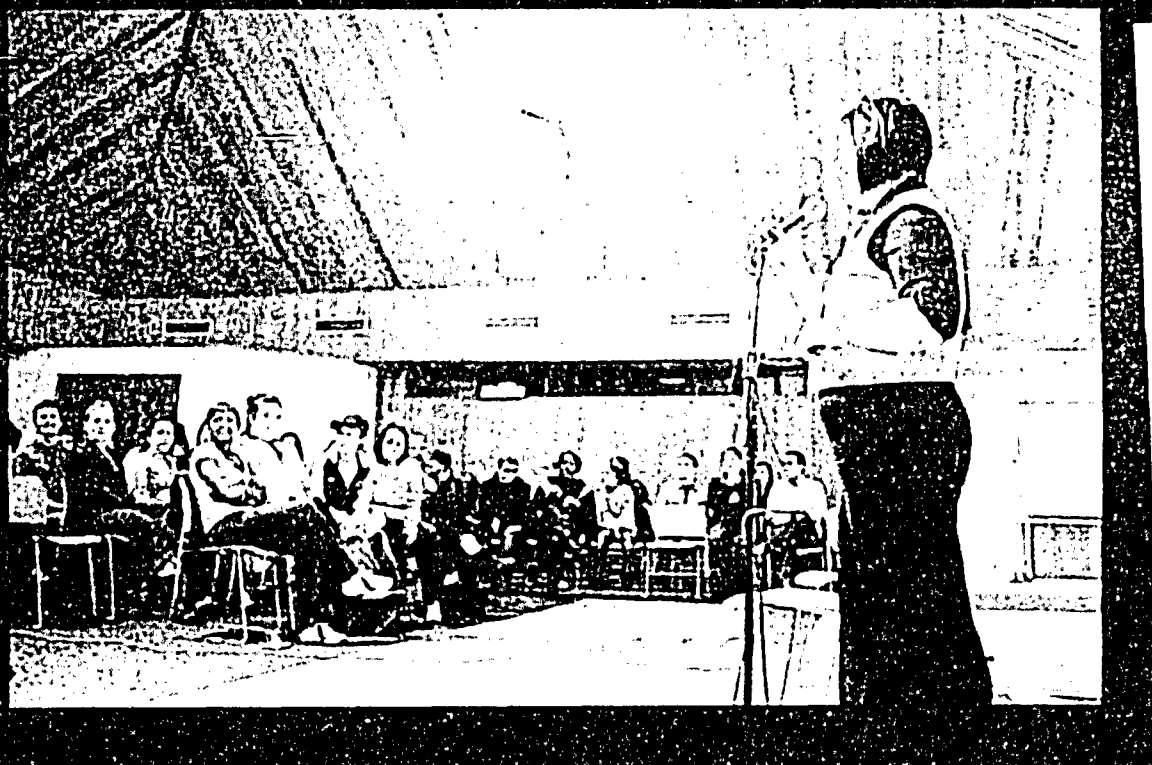
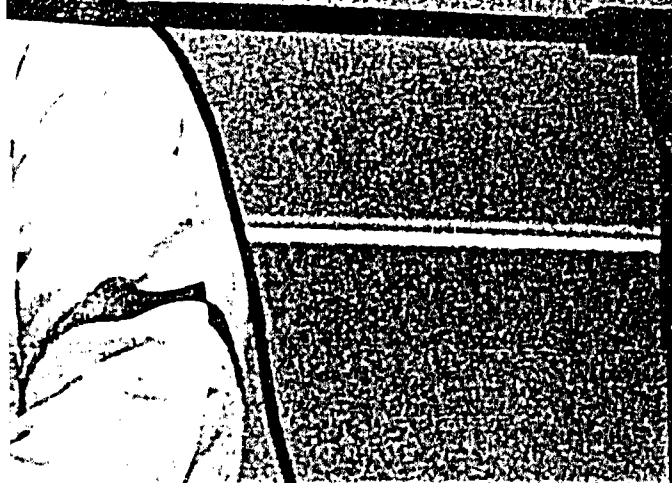
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TOP: Alumnus Frenchy Lamont shares memories from the 1960s during Black History, Our Future Friday.
TOP RIGHT: BSU president Tiffanie Beattie speaking. She wrote while during Jan Term.
MIDDLE LEFT: L. Frenchy Jones-Baker on the atmosphere on campus in the 1960s.
MIDDLE RIGHT: A dean of intercultural affairs Esther Lott at the event.
ABOVE: Seniors Bobby Walston and Shana McQuirter talk with Jones-Baker.
LEFT: Jones-Baker of her time at Whitworth.

Black History, Our Future

January 23rd, 2007



THEN NOW

Students discussed the creation of the Black Student Union in early 1969. With 43 members, the 1973-74 BSU (left) was one of the largest BSUs ever. Today the BSU (below, pictured with former members Frances Jones-Baker and Frenchy Lamont) is active in events such as Soul Food Dinner and Gospel Explosion.



TOP: Alumnus Frenchy Lamont shares his experiences from Whitworth in the 1960s during "Black History, Our Future" last Friday.

TOP RIGHT: BSU President Tiffanie Beatty reads a poem she wrote while in Chicago during Jan Term.

MIDDLE LEFT: Lamont and Frances Jones-Baker reflect on the atmosphere of the campus in the 1960s.

MIDDLE LEFT: Assistant dean of intercultural student affairs Ester Louie speaks at the event.

ABOVE: Seniors Bobby Walston and Sha'nay McQuirter talk with Jones-Baker.

LEFT: Jones-Baker tell stories of her time at Whitworth.

Note: Photo: Whitworthian



"BROTHERS AND SISTERS UNITED"
WHIT SOUL

The following segments are excerpts from the BSU column "Whit Soul" written by a select team of writers from the BSU's Public Relations Department. The column ran sporadically in *The Whitworthian* from Sept. 26, 1969 to April 24, 1970.

"Through the column we hope to give insight and understanding to the campus community and other Whitworthian readers ... Through getting to the funky truth of certain issues, we hope to challenge this community to dig things from a different and probably new perspective." (excerpt from Sept. 26, 1969)

"Do you remember hearing stories about Blacks being run off the roads or how their lives had been threatened in one way or another? Do you remember how you laughed it off as just practical jokes, yes, you students, faculty, staff and resident counselors?... Yes, some of you were sincere in your actions, but in most instances your sincerity only hurt or hindered us in some way." (excerpt from Oct. 17, 1969)

"Don't tell me that you are afraid to interact with me. How can you know until you have tried? Don't write rebuttals to articles in the Whit Soul column, if communication is your aim. Confront us. You will find that we are no more than people, with a different skin pigmentation and a background molded by a variety of experiences, indignities, suffering and values which make us what we are." (excerpt from Nov. 14, 1969)

"How would you equip your child to face this kind of world? Would you? Could you? A Black parent has to face this everyday of their lives, they must constantly, and consciously stunt their children's ego's. 'No Leonard you can't become President,' (even Black children dream of being President you know?) Why? Because you're Black, you're different, you're inferior. This is the kind of violence this country is being held accountable for, not the lynchings or the violence of slavery even." (excerpt from April 24, 1970)

Black history a part of American history

Tiffanie Beatty
Guest columnist

Have you ever been the only one in the entire class to raise your hand when the teacher asks a question? If you have, think about why that may have been. Were you the only one who did the reading? Were you the only one brave enough to take a guess, or were you just the only one awake? Whatever the reason, there is a high likelihood that your raised hand could be attributed to something you did (or didn't do) to isolate yourself, not the color of your skin.

When black history enters the classroom, the black students are always the smartest kids in the class. I know, because I was that black girl two years ago in Reading Literature who raised her lonely hand to Mary Erb's question, "Who has heard of Emmett Till?"

That day when my hand jumped into the air proudly paying respect to Emmett Till, I couldn't help but feel abandoned and discouraged. I got this overwhelming feeling that my hand shouldn't be the only one raised in a class of almost 30 college students.

At that point, I realized that I knew Emmett Till as the 14-year-old Chicago boy tortured and murdered in Mississippi for an innocent gesture, whose death became the spark that started the flame we all know as the Civil Right Movement, but my classmates didn't know him at all.

I could go on for days about how brutal the killing was, why his mother had an open casket funeral, and how the two white men never served a day in jail, and no one else in my class would have any idea what I was talking about.

The story of Emmett Till is just one story in black history, but the great thing is that like all of black history, part of it is mine. Even though Till's story wasn't given justice in my textbooks, I have learned and taken ownership of my part. I will continue raising my hand in class.

I realize, and am thankful, that not every reader of this article would fail a quiz on a historical event in black history that does not involve Martin Luther King Jr., but most of us fail to see the ways in which these events helped shape American history, not just black history. Don't participate in the lies of intellectual segregation. As students of an American institution and students of life, let's raise our hands together in fighting injustice boldly.

Roll the tape

Linda Poort
Staff writer

Schedule

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28



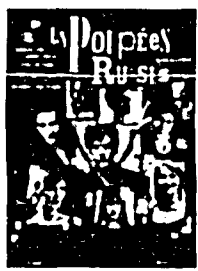
El Abrazo Partido
(The Lost Embrace)
2004 Argentina

Plot: This is Ariel's world: the small, slightly seedy shopping center in downtown Buenos Aires, where the Italian shopkeepers scream all day and the Koreans sell feng shui. This award winning Argentinian film explores a son's questions about his father's absence and the truth and history of their immigrant family.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

Les Poupées Russes
(The Russian Dolls)
2005 France

Plot: Five years after sharing a summer together in Barcelona, Xavier, William, Wendy, Martine and Isabelle reunite. Part freelance writer, part womanizer, Xavier narrates a whirlwind tour of love, Europe, and his generation at work and play.



Information courtesy of www.unltd.com

The International Film Festival of Spokane Falls Community College is back for another year.

Last year, SFCC film instructor Mary Hyatt and French instructor Elodie Phan decided to organize a French Film Festival for SFCC. The idea and success of the festival appealed to the members of the department of foreign languages so much, they decided that an international film festival would be a logical second step.

WATCH

SFCC

International
Film Festival

Showtimes: 7 p.m.
Where: Garland
Theatre
Cost: \$2.50 with
student ID

An important mission of SFCC is preparing the students for "an increasingly global civilization." The goal is to create an understanding of the students we live with in an international world. A great way to achieve this goal was to use students' favorite medium: film.

Co-chairs Hyatt and Phan are busy guiding the festival. Though they have a big group of people supporting them, they are responsible for all aspects of the festival such as securing a viewing site, handling budgetary concerns and publicizing the activity.

Of course they are also very enthusiastic and committed to the festival.

"Our main audience is of course our students, but we like to give all the people of Spokane some diversity," Phan said. "We'd like to show them that there is more than all those big Hollywood productions."

For the viewing site, Spokane Falls found a partner in the Garland Theatre. This theatre offers all the necessary (and comfortable) seats for a big audience. It's also a very affordable place for students to visit.

Various language clubs sponsor the festival. Unlike last year, when movie professional Hyatt selected the films in cooperation with Phan, the clubs had a say, and even the final voice. Some students were not

happy with the choice.

"Wednesday's film is sponsored by the German Klub. Personally, it would definitely not have been my selection," Hyatt said. "The film has good reviews and high user ratings, but personally I do not prefer films that contain nudity and graphic violence. Luckily, there is a wide variety of films. Not only from different countries, but also from different genres."

Each movie is moderated by a professor, who gives a short introduction to the audience who may not be aware of the cultural plays within the movie. This gives the audience some background information and a final opportunity to decide whether this movie is suitable for them.

Just as last year, the festival has a great visitor rate. There are many local film lovers and many Spokane Falls students. Not everyone likes every movie,



Alissa Jones Whitworthian

Spokane Falls Community College chose to host its International film festival at the Garland Theatre. The festival started last year and features several foreign films and professor-led discussions.

ie, but the responses on the festival itself are very good.

"The Festival has given me a greater appreciation of films made outside of Hollywood," said John Leszczynski, an SFCC student taking film courses.

"This festival really brings a good cultural opportunity to SFCC students and the greater Spokane area," Katie Morse, a journalism student at SFCC said. "It allows people to see film that never reaches local theaters or video stores."

Nickelback rocks Spokane Arena during national tour

Kelly MacDonald
Staff writer

On Feb. 22 thousands of people poured into the Spokane Arena to watch a sold-out concert by post-grunge rock band Nickelback touring with well-known names Three Days Grace and Breaking Benjamin.

Tickets cost upwards of \$40 and were well worth the half-mile line in the cold, the bone breaking mosh pit and ears that would ring for three days. In a word, this concert was amazing.

The arena was submerged in complete darkness and thousands of fans screamed.

All you could hear were two tremendous bangs which encouraged the crowd to get louder and louder until an ear-splitting guitar cord was heard, signaling that time had finally come. Nickelback had arrived.

The band came out in force and began with crowd favorite "Animals" which documents two teenagers getting caught "doing the deed."

The music was so loud and the bass was powerful that the crowd quaked. The music was phenomenal due to the acoustics of the arena.

The two things that stole the show from Nickelback were the pyrotechnics and the megatron.

The pyrotechnics blew the crowd away, literally. Fireworks coordinated with the songs erupted when they hit certain notes. Actual fireballs blew up on stage.

When the megatron behind the band was illuminated it immediately

became more important than a fifth band member. The screen allowed for a new way to experience their music.

During "Photograph" there were actual photographs of lead singer Chad Kroeger documenting his youth. "If Everyone Cared" featured a video slideshow of humanitarians who

fought for peace.

During "Side of a Bullet," which was written to commemorate fellow rocker Dimebag Darrell who was shot on stage, they showed video clips of him in honor of him.

New drummer Daniel Adair thrilled crowd when

he was left alone on stage to play a fantastically intricate drum solo while the platform beneath him moved to center stage.

Just when you thought he was over, he made it even more complicated and astounded the audience

to the point of exhaustion. While the good things outweighed the bad there were some aspects that left something to be desired.

The mosh pit was overwhelming and continued to get out of hand.

Some people had to be taken out by security for safety reasons.

Since the band hit the

MUSIC

Nickelback

Recent album: "All the Right Reasons"

Band members:
Chad Kroeger, vocals/guitar; Ryan Peake, guitar/vocals; Mike Kroeger, bass; Daniel Adair, drums
Genre: rock



Image courtesy of www.nickelback.com

Band members from left: Mike Kroeger on bass guitar, Chad Kroeger on lead vocals and guitar, Daniel Adair on drums, percussion and vocals and Ryan Peake on vocals and lead guitar. The band stopped in Spokane last Thursday as part of their North American tour.

airwaves in 1999, it has become a hit in the rock and pop genres.

The band began from humble roots in Alberta, Canada in 1995 as a cover band.

To start their music career in earnest, the band members moved to Vancouver, British Columbia and began recording original songs.

Their third album, "Silver Side Up," resulted in their first major hit single, "How You Remind Me" which dominated Canadian charts and broke into new territory in the United States with fury.

Their most recent album, their fifth release, is "All the Right Reasons."

The album was released in 2005 and has released six singles, all of which appeared on U.S. Billboard Charts.

"All the Right Reasons" has gone platinum five times and has stayed in the top 10 for 24 weeks.

Its most famous singles are "Photograph" and "Far Away," both of which were top-ten hits since the albums release in 2005.

Their first single "Photograph" was the sixth song to ever be downloaded over a million times.

Also, in December of 2006, Nickelback won Billboard Music award "Rock Album of the Year."

While many choose to

admire the intricate guitar solos and anthem rhythms, they are also well known for their highly relatable lyrics of human emotion in a rock style.

And while many critics refer to head man Kroeger as a "lunk head" and "lion," at the concert he seemed cocky and yet genial and sociable in the style of many fellow rock stars.

Their ballads have often topped the charts but the fans seemed to love Nickelback most for their hard rock attitude.

Ultimately the Spokane show was a huge success because of the superb performance by one of rock's biggest names.

Ash Wednesday

Catholics honor season of penance

Laura Richardson
Staff writer

Last Wednesday night nearly 40 students gathered in the Seeley G. Mudd Chapel for a special Ash Wednesday service, organized by the Catholic Fellowship Club.

Sophomore Mary Rupert, vice president of Catholic Fellowship, wanted a local place for Catholic students to congregate for Ash Wednesday Mass.

At the service Wednesday evening, students walked one-by-one down the center aisle of the chapel and approached the Rev. Jim Meehan, who marked their foreheads with ash while saying, "Turn away from sin and be open to the Gospel."

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season, a time of preparation for Easter. The day takes its name from the cross of ashes priests mark on churchgoers' foreheads at Ash Wednesday Mass. The ashes are made by burning blessed palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday. The cross of ashes symbolizes humans' mortality and need for penance.

Rupert opened the Mass by welcoming everyone and extending a special thank-you to all the non-Catholic students who attended. She informed the congregation that anyone who was not Catholic should cross his or her arms over his or her chest during Communion to signify that he or she would like a blessing from the priest but would not take the bread and wine.

Meehan, a retired Jesuit from Gonzaga University, presided over the service.

"Use Lent to get to know the Lord better and that will make it a joyful season," Meehan said.

Meehan emphasized giving up a habit or taking on a new spiri-

tual discipline, such as reading the Bible more often or taking a walk to commune with God.

"Each person has to ask: What draws me closer to God?" Meehan said.

Lent is traditionally a time of sorrowful reflection on Christ's sacrifice and human sin. Many Catholics fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and abstain from eating meat on each Friday of Lent as a way of identifying with Christ's suffering. Other Christians, both Catholic and Protestant, observe Lent by giving up sweets, alcohol, television, smoking or some other luxury or habit.

Dr. Karin Heller, associate professor of theology, encouraged students to be honest about why they are giving up sweets or alcohol.

It's a very good exercise to separate yourself from something, but you have to do it for the right reasons, Heller said. Giving up sweets in order to lose five pounds is just selfish. Instead, donate the money you would have spent on candy to a local charity, Heller suggested.

Heller, a Catholic, said she will not be giving up anything new this Lenten season.

"During Lent I go deeper into the spiritual disciplines, but I follow them year-round," she said. "I'm in a kind of period of time where my focus is much more on the disciplines of solitude, study, prayer and hospitality."

Sophomore Kyle Ritter, on the other hand, is giving up music and red meat for Lent.

"Music is a source of pride for me and it's also a distraction. [Giving up music and red meat] is a reminder of where my heart's at and where my habits lie," Ritter said.

Rupert said she will participate in the traditional fasting and abstinence from meat but she has not

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The Rev. Jim Meehan crosses senior Chelsea Peterson during last week's Ash Wednesday service.

Lent

A season of penance

► A period of reflection and fasting, preparing Christians for Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday -

► A time to acknowledge people's guilt for the sins that led to Christ's passion and death

► Traditionally marked by prayer, fasting and almsgiving

► Some Catholics choose to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and abstain from meat on every Friday of Lent

Information compiled by
Laura Richardson

Ash Wednesday

First day of Lent

► Draws on the ancient Biblical traditions of covering one's head with ashes, wearing sackcloth and fasting

► Ashes made by burning the remains of the palms blessed on the Palm Sunday of the previous year

► Receiving ashes is sacramental - not at sacrament - that symbolizes penance and mortality

► Cross of ashes is to remind people to humble their hearts and remember that life passes away on earth

Information compiled by
Laura Richardson

City LIFE

Band returns to stage at Big Easy this Wed.

"The English Beat," known simply as "The Beat" in the United Kingdom, will be performing at the Big Easy on Wednesday, March 7 at 8 p.m.

"The English Beat" had many hits in the 1980s such as "Save it for Later" and "Can't Get Used to Losing You," but are perhaps best known for the song "March of the Swivelheads" that played during the pivotal chase scene in "Ferris Bueller's Day Off."

Tickets are \$19.50 and can be purchased at www.ticketwest.com.

Festival hosts month of '80s classic movies

The Garland Theatre will be holding midnight showings of "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" on March 2 and 3.

Other 1980s films will also be featured through March and April at the Garland, such as "Sixteen Candles" and "The Breakfast Club."

All tickets are \$2.50 and can be purchased at the door.

Cd'A festival provides wide variety of films

The 2007 Coeur d'Alene Film Festival will be held March 2-4. The films range from family films and feature shorts to documentaries and extreme sports films. Many of the filmmakers will be present for post viewing forums.

Tickets range in price from single showings, day passes or full weekend passes for \$125, which include a reception and award ceremony.

Film schedules, ticket prices and purchasing options are available online at <http://cdafilmfest.projecta.com>.

Mall hosts march to help local charity

March for Meals, sponsored by Spokane Valley Mall, is holding a pledge-based walkathon to benefit the Spokane Valley Meals on Wheels organization. The aim is to raise awareness about the hunger problem in the Spokane area.

The walkathon will take place this Thursday from 8-10 a.m.

A downloadable registration form and pledge sheet as well as more information can be found online at www.spokanevalleymealsonwheels.com

Compiled by Bethany Hergert

Weird Al deserves shot at Hall of Fame



Caleb Knox
Staff writer

If you're like me, your musical journey has taken you through a lot of different phases. I definitely had my Ben Folds Five phase, my oldies phase, my contemporary Christian rap phase and my David Bowie phase.

But one phase that almost every young music fan goes through is their Weird Al Yankovic phase. In 1993, Yankovic released his eighth full-length album, "Alapalooza," and my eight-year-old world was transformed, never to be the same.

My next-door neighbor picked up the album, and I spent countless hours at

his house playing Sega Genesis and listening to such unforgettable songs as "Bedrock Anthem," "Livin' in the Fridge" and "Bohemian Polka." I started listening to Yankovic for the same reason most kids do: He was funny. But while I was chuckling along to songs about food and TV, Yankovic was subconsciously helping me appreciate the music of the bands he was parodying.

As my musical tastes grew and Yankovic's career progressed, it wasn't long before I was checking out the original songs by Red Hot Chili Peppers, Aerosmith, Queen and countless others. When I started to expand my listening into different genres, I started with bands Yankovic had parodied. Yankovic has expanded his repertoire as well, parodying current tracks by Chamillionaire, Usher and Green Day on his newest LP, 2006's



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"Straight Outta Lynwood."

Despite being known mostly for parodies of popular songs, Yankovic is a talented songwriter in his own right. In addition to straight lyrical parodies, he also performs songs that sound like they could have been written by other popular artists. Among these 'style parodies' are songs in the style of Cake, Devo or Bob Dylan. He pulls off each with uncanny accuracy, proven by my room-

mates walking into the room and asking, "Hey, is this Cake (or Devo, or Bob Dylan)?"

Not only is Yankovic's versatility unparalleled, his longevity is astounding as well. His debut album, "Weird Al" Yankovic, was released in April of 1983. In April of 2008, Yankovic will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the album's release, making him eligible for induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio.

According to www.rockhall.com, The Rock Hall selects performers based on "the influence and significance of the artist's contributions to the development and perpetuation of rock and roll."

This past January, the Rock Hall announced its 2007 inductees, a class headlined by Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five, R.E.M. and Van Halen. Without Yankovic, there

would be no gateway to legendary artists such as these for young listeners. The influence of these artists is dependent on new listeners, a demographic that is often brought into the music world by Yankovic.

A generation of music fans who were 6 to ten-years-old in the mid-'90s is now in college. These students are working at college radio stations, downloading from iTunes and making purchasing decisions based on musical knowledge that began with Weird Al. An entire generation of college students, keeping the record industry afloat with a passion instilled in them by "Eat It," "Christmas at Ground Zero" and "Amish Paradise."

If that influence isn't significant enough for induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, then I don't know what is.

A&E BRIEFS

HUB gallery features cancer survivor's work

The HUB art gallery will be opening a new exhibit this Thursday at 5 p.m. in the HUB multipurpose room. Featured artist Sandra Hilson's works illustrate her battle against cancer. The event is co-hosted with Relay for Life.

Dinner teaches students to live with a mission

Students interested in living with a mission can attend a dinner Monday, March 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the HUB catering rooms. Community members will discuss their respective professions and how they have lived with purpose. Students can discuss how to live with a calling both now and in future professions and experiences. The event is free.

Compiled by Joy Bacon

Weekly EVENTS

TUESDAY | FEB. 27

► Raining Jane concert, 9:30 p.m. in HUB multipurpose room
► Gordon Wilson exhibit, Koehler Gallery

WEDNESDAY | FEB. 28

► Gordon Wilson exhibit, Koehler Gallery
► Elementary student teachers lunch, 11:30 a.m. in HUB catering rooms

THURSDAY | MARCH 1

► Certificate in Teaching the Bible, 9 a.m. in Student Life conference room
► Gordon Wilson exhibit, Koehler Gallery
► Lacrosse Club meeting, 10:30 p.m. in Fieldhouse

FRIDAY | MARCH 2

► Faculty development day, no classes

SATURDAY | MARCH 3

► Certificate in Lay Ministry, 9 a.m. in Weyerhaeuser

SUNDAY | MARCH 4

► No events scheduled

MONDAY | MARCH 5

► Gordon Wilson exhibit, Koehler Gallery
► Living with a Mission dinner, 5:30 p.m. in HUB catering rooms

Dessert store inspired by travels

Kelly McCrillis
Staff writer

Everyone knows a Joe. Leanne and Ed Smith decided they want to make their Joe one to remember.

The idea for Gelato Joe's came from the expanding world market for premium ice creams. Both Leanne and Ed were flight attendants for Alaska Airlines and traveled across the world on many occasions. During several trips to Italy



they acquired a taste for the native ice cream: gelato.

Finding gelato shops opening in Boston and cities across Canada, they decided to venture into the business.

After searching Spokane in February 2006, the Smiths found their location.

Purchasing a small building in Wandermere Center, they set to work, reforming an old Starbucks into their new gelateria and café.

With the help of family members and friends, the Smiths were able to create their own unique business in a little under two and a half months.

Even now, after being open since May 2006, other family members still work in the shop when Leanne and Ed need days off.

Walking into the shop from the drab Spokane weather, I found myself immersed in an Italian ambiance filled with the wisps of espresso mingling with the smooth smell of thick gelato ice cream.

Brick walls were lined with murals and photographs of Milan and Venice under soft ambient lighting.

Columns outline the menus behind the counter. Various local and European pieces of



Gelato Joe's offers a 10 percent discount on gelato or coffee to Whitworth students. The store was inspired by its owners' travels as flight attendants.

art are placed on shelves near the back.

"We really wanted our customers to feel transported, as to a small dessert store or sweet shop in Italy," Leanne said. "We loved the ones in Italy and thought we should bring something new to Spokane."

Leanne and Ed have certainly accomplished this goal. I could tell the 12 Whitworth students sitting around us were displaying the same feelings of escape.

The business has thrived even after being open for only nine months. Leanne accounts this to the store's unique presence.

"Most people in Spokane stick to the chain stores like the Cold Stone's or Starbucks, but we offer something that nobody else in Spo-

kane does," Leanne said.

She explained that many people have been hesitant to try the homemade gelato, but the shop continues to get more and more busy.

Gelato, after all, is healthier and thicker than regular ice cream. The reason lies in the process through which the Smiths' gelato is made.

Last February, a man from Italy named Leonardo, a gelato chain owner, came to Spokane as a favor to the Smiths and taught them secret recipes and techniques to make authentic gelato. The process mirrors the one he follows in Italy.

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Raining Jane performing again on campus

Dani King
Staff writer

This Wednesday, the folk-rock band Raining Jane will be playing a concert in the HUB multipurpose room. Raining Jane is based out of Los Angeles and first developed their fan base on the UCLA campus.

Currently, they are touring with big names in pop music such as Lifehouse, Third Eye Blind and Vanessa Carlton. Juniors and seniors may recall that

Raining Jane has played shows at Whitworth during Springfest 2004 and 2005.

MUSIC PREVIEW

Raining Jane

When: Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 9:30 p.m.

Where: HUB Café (free Qdoba)

Band members: Mai Bloomfield, vocals/guitar/cello; Chaska Potter, vocals/guitar; Mona Tavakoli, drums/vocals/percussion; Becky Gebhardt, bass/guitar/sitar
Genre: Indie/Rock/Folk

The members of Raining Jane consist of four women – Mai Bloomfield, Becky Gebhardt, Chaska Potter and Mona Tavakoli – who first combined musical forces in 1999. Despite recent popularity, the girls remain on an independent label. In 2005, Raining Jane self-released their second studio album "Diamond Lane." The year 2005 also brought the girls a full endorsement from Fender.

On their MySpace page, Raining Jane describes its sound as "rooted in rock and folk" as well as being "shaped by funk, hip-hop and world music influences." All four band members are said to help contribute to the music's lyrical creativity as well as its melodic creativity.

A variety of instruments are incorporated in the shows, including the cello, cajon and even sitar and free-style rapping. Their harmonies have been described as "chill-inducing." The vocals have a very feminine-pop feel that uses three-part power-pop harmonies.

The music lacks the raw, edgy



Image courtesy of www.rainingjane.com

ABOVE: Raining Jane's logo features the four band members in silhouette.

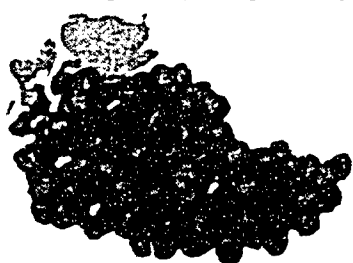
vocals that most indie bands have, but for those who enjoy over-produced female harmonizing, then Raining Jane may be the band for you.

Lyrical, there's nothing especially unique to attribute to the songwriting. Most of the songs incorporate the typical theme of

love, for instance. The song "IM Love" describes a juvenile high school romance that takes place on the Internet.

You can listen to Raining Jane and get a brief preview of what is to come this Wednesday by visiting their MySpace page at www.myspace.com/rainingjane.

Grapevine HUMOR



Reasons why Neal Dixon is back on campus (a tribute) ...

- To bring the fun back to Whitworth.
- Freshmen babes.
- As a mystery shopper for the Mind and Hearth.
- What else would you do with an English degree?
- He missed Leonard Oakland's big hugs.
- To enter the Pounder's Engagement Contest.
- He was tired of his mom's cooking so he came back to Saga.
- To be the first ASWU president.
- To lobby for the new dorm to be named after him.
- To apologize to Blair J. Daly.
- Eric's Fruit Stand?

Poet shares experiences, advice

De la Paz stays true to characters while illustrating theme of home

Caley Ochoa
Staff writer

His main character, Fidelito, may be reaching for the heavens, but this poet is completely down-to-earth.

Oliver de la Paz came to Whitworth last Friday as a part of the "Speakers and Artists" series sponsored by the college. He read selections from his upcoming book, "Furious Lullaby," due out next fall as well as his first book, "Names Above Houses," and a few selections from his working manuscript.

De la Paz spent his day visiting several classes and bonding with Whitworth faculty.

Originally from Manila, Philippines, de la Paz considers himself an "itinerant poet" and is still looking for the place where he feels most at home.

"I'm still looking for my community," de la Paz said. "Home is a strange concept for immigrants. I'm still looking for that."

The longing for belonging and a place to call home is a significant theme throughout "Names."

When asked how much of this work is autobiographical, de la Paz said, "It's 30 percent me. The rest is me on a different day. [Fidelito is] a pastiche of kids."

Growing up, de la Paz attended a Catholic school where one nun told him he could not do math. Jokingly, de la Paz said he "wrote out of spite."

De la Paz went on to graduate from Loyola Marymount with bachelor's degrees in biology and English.

He planned on taking the pragmatic route,



Poet Oliver de la Paz discusses one of his poems at a reading last Friday. The Western Washington University professor discussed his search for community as a Filipino immigrant. His poems are seen as easily accessible to inexperienced poetry readers.

going to medical school and pleasing his parents, who were part of the "Brain Drain," a wave of immigrants from the Philippines that consisted primarily of working professionals.

"It was not an easy transition, because I felt I was letting people down," de la Paz said of his move from biology to creative writing. He went on to talk about the problem-solving and critical-thinking skills from his scientific background that have helped him as a poet.

"I think the world needs critical thinkers. I think a poet is in charge of capturing the emotional history of a culture," de la Paz said. "I think we need more poets. Now, more than ever, the voice of the artist is needed."

De la Paz shared advice for aspiring poets and writers as well as his own experience

writing "Names." De la Paz said a poem is never finished.

"We [poets] send our work out to get published so we can stop editing. When I know I'm tired of revising it, I send it out," de la Paz said.

"Names" was written over four years and, according to de la Paz, the revising process did not end when it was picked up for publication.

Similarly, "Lullaby" was a seven-year project that de la Paz was grateful to have picked up for publication.

"Because ['Lullaby'] was such a big change in trajectory, I was relieved someone thought it was worthwhile," de la Paz said.

Influences such as Sylvia Plath and Li Young Li have contributed to de la Paz's creative repertoire. De la Paz has Wallace Stevens on his iPod and works out to the Wu Tang Clan.

In addition to his artistic creativity, de la Paz is sensitive to the political nature of life and especially life as an immigrant. Sept. 11 made a great impact on de la Paz, who was teaching in New York at the time.

"I was called a 'Jap' when I was on my little league team," de la Paz said. "The fact that I was living in rural Oregon didn't help. It was a negotiation, a growing up process."

Part of de la Paz's "negotiations" surround the way he is perceived as a poet of color.

He acknowledged that that fact created an expectation from his audience that his work would carry a political agenda.

"My intent was not necessarily to be political. My intent was to be true to the character. ['Names'] is intended to be about characters I care about deeply," de la Paz said.

De la Paz cares about his characters from "Names Above Houses" so deeply that he has a returning character in his upcoming work.

He spoke about how he has become addicted to writing prose poems and his difficulty in changing directions and writing verse again.

Based on the selections from "Lullaby" that he read, de la Paz has overcome that difficulty and is set to once more engage his audience with the lyricism of his lines and the power of his subjects.

"My hope and my goal as a writer, with my reader, is to establish a dialogue. I want you to enter a discussion with me," de la Paz said.

In addition to writing poetry, de la Paz's interests center on remodeling his home in Bellingham, Wash.

He also contributes to the non-profit organization Kundiman he founded with the goal of mentoring young and emerging Asian-American writers.

In his final words to aspiring writers and poets, de la Paz said, "Always thank your editors even if you know you'll be rejected. They're people too. Be gracious."

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decided to give up anything else.

"Taking on is a good thing too," Rupert said. "A lot of people get caught up in giving up candy, but it's good to take on community service."

Rupert said the Ash Wednesday service and reception of the ashes are good reminders

of Christians' mortality.

"Without Jesus' death and resurrection, you would be ashes," Rupert said.

The ashes serve as a reminder to Christians that they are mortal and therefore should not be consumed with this world.

"Remember you are dust and to dust you will return," Meehan said, quoting a traditional Ash Wednesday verse, Genesis 3:19.

The Ash Wednesday Mass served as an entrance to the Lenten season and a taste of Catholicism for non-Catholic students present. Mass consisted of traditional Catholic liturgy, Communion, two songs and reception of the ashes.

After the service, Ritter commented on the beauty he saw in the liturgy as a theology student.

"I really respect liturgy. Two thousand

years of church history is rich," Ritter said.

While Ash Wednesday signals the beginning of Lent, a season of repentance, penitential prayer, almsgiving and sacrifice, Heller emphasized that the Lenten spirit should not end with Easter.

"For me, Lent is my whole existence. My whole life is Lent ... it's preparation for Jesus," Heller said.

GELATO: Store offers free wireless, looks to expand menu

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Gelato uses more milk than cream, unlike ordinary ice cream. This results in less fat but a more substantial product in the end.

The process for making gelato thicker is the smaller number of churns than usual.

"The less you churn your ice cream, the less air will be in the finished product," Leanne said. "We also make smaller batches and keep them in metal containers to preserve the flavor and keep the gelato colder for longer."

All 30 flavors sold at Gelato Joe's are kept in these containers.

Leanne explained the goal to keep the store personal when faced with the opportunity to expand.

She explained that she and Ed were delving into the idea of opening one more store near the Gonzaga campus.

A recent deal allows both Gonzaga and Whitworth students to use iMye accounts to purchase from Gelato Joe's.

As an added bonus, Whitworth students receive a 10 percent discount on any dish of gelato or cup of joe.

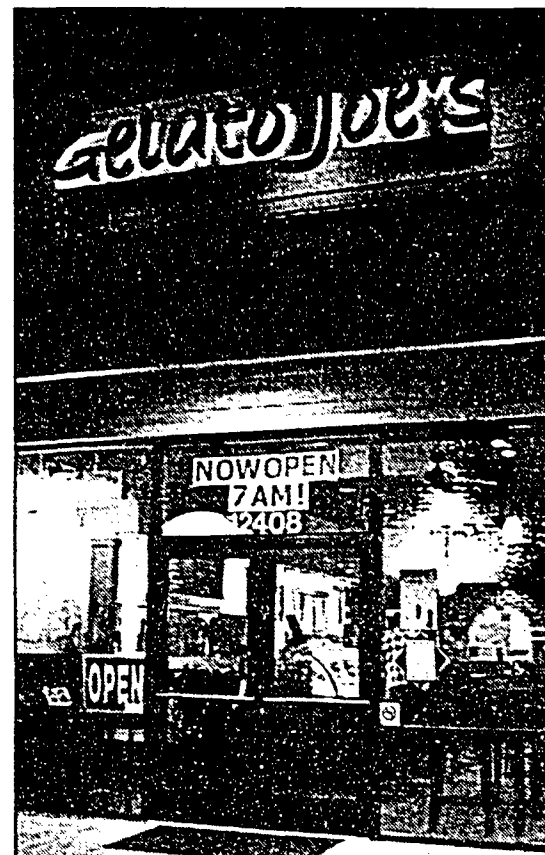
Recently, free wireless was added. Wireless is available to anyone who purchases from them during the day. Not even Starbucks can boast that.

In the coming months, Ed and Leanne hope to add desserts and panini sandwiches to their menu, making this Italian escape even more unique to the Whitworth and Wandermore communities.

PLACE

Gelato Joe's

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Type: Gelateria and café
Menu Price:
Gelato \$2.50-\$4.50, Espresso \$2.50-\$4.00
Perks: Free wireless Internet and 10 percent off any purchase with Whitworth ID card



Alyssa Jones/Whitworthian

Gelato Joe's is the only store in Spokane to sell gelato ice cream. This Italian dessert uses more milk than cream. It is also churned a smaller number of times. This makes it healthier and thicker than traditional ice cream.

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Jesse Clark/Whitworthian

Senior Bryan Williams steals the ball from Mark Robinowitz in the first half of Whitworth's 69-62 win over the Lewis & Clark Pioneers. Williams recorded nine points, six rebounds, five assists and two steals in the win.

Pirates Clinch!

Whitworth steps up defense to win NWC Title

Collin Storm
Sports Editor

With an automatic berth into the Division III tournament on the line, the Whitworth Pirates used their defense, not their nation-leading offense, to secure their first Northwest Conference championship since 2003.

After allowing the Lewis & Clark College Pioneers to shoot 44 percent in the first half, Whitworth buckled down in the second half, allowing the Pioneers to shoot only 26 percent.

"The main adjustment we made was to focus more on rebounding," junior forward Ryan Symes said. "In the first half, we weren't rebounding well at all and LC kept getting second chance baskets. Once we started to rebound better those high percentage shots they were getting in the first half were taken away."

The second and sometimes third and fourth chance opportunities that Lewis & Clark got, 21 in all, were due in part to Whitworth senior forward Kevin Hasenfus coming down with an illness and playing a limited role in the game.

Hasenfus played only 16 minutes, did not score a point and only pulled down four rebounds, but Symes stepped up his game, scoring 18 points in 36 minutes of action.

"With Kevin sick, that takes away a lot of scoring and second chance baskets since he is such a good rebounder," Symes said. "I think as a team we all felt we needed to step up for him and play well. Jon (Young) had a huge night and fortunately I was able to make some baskets

down the stretch."

Young, a senior guard, led the Pirates with 22 points and pulled down eight rebounds.

"When our shooters such as Jon shoot well, that opens up the inside game. Since Jon was shooting well, I was a little more open in the post," Symes said. "And when our inside players are playing well, that opens up opportunities for the shooters and Jon capitalized."

Whitworth came into the game leading the nation in field goal percentage at 53.1 percent, was held to seven percent below their season average, but managed to use key buckets and free throws down the stretch



Jesse Clark/Whitworthian

Senior Jon Young shoots a three-pointer. He made the shot and led the Pirates with 22 points in their 69-62 win over Lewis & Clark.

to pull away from the Pioneers. Young and Symes went a combined 12 for 12 from the line.

Going into halftime, the Pirates maintained a one-point advantage at 35-34. Coming out of the break, the Pirates and Pioneers traded baskets until the score was tied at 53 with a little under six minutes remaining in the game.

Senior guard Bryan Williams, who was named the NWC Most Valuable Player earlier last week, hit a layup to put the Pirates up 55-53. Thirty seconds later, Young hit a layup as he was fouled and completed the three-point play with the ensuing free throw to extend Whitworth's lead to 58-53 with a little over five minutes left.

A minute later, Young hit another pair of free throws to put the lead at seven.

But Lewis & Clark would not go down easy.

Pioneer guard Mark Robinowitz received a pass in the corner on the following possession, pump-faked a three-pointer, then waited for Pirate junior forward William Hardy to leave his feet. Robinowitz then put up a shot leaning into Hardy, drawing the foul, where he made all three free throws to bring Lewis & Clark within four, 60-56.

That was as close as the Pioneers got, as they went exactly seven minutes without a field goal. Pioneer forward Gene Rivera broke that drought with 19 seconds left, as he hit a shot and was fouled to bring Lewis & Clark within eight at 67-59. But Rivera missed the free throw to

Mariners on the rise, but still not a threat

Mike Novasky
Staff writer

Spring training is about to hit full swing for the Mariners, their first game is this week, and the questions are already beginning. Will Adrian Beltre finally regain his All-Star form? Who will backup Kenji Johjima? Is King Felix ready to lead the pitching staff? Will he have much of a pitching staff to lead? And, most importantly, Jose Vidro?!

Before we get too far ahead of ourselves, let's just get it out there: This is not the year of the Mariner.



Even with their payroll cracking the \$100 million barrier this year for the first time ever, the M's will be lucky to finish above third in the still brutal AL West.

True, there is an aura of a clean slate as they finally

cut bait with many of the key symbols of their continuously frustrating past, namely Gil Meche, Joel Pineiro, Rafael Soriano and Chris Snelling. But save for a miracle, they still will not be playing in October.

This team is far from complete. The pitching staff is relying on the promise shown by a 20-year-old, Felix Hernandez, to fill the role as their ace. After him are soft throwing inning-eaters Jarrod Washburn, Horacio Ramirez and Miguel Batista, and meatball artist Jeff Weaver. Each of these starters possesses an ERA of about 4-5 runs per game, that is, except for Weaver who gave up just shy of 6 runs per game last year. (Note: Basing your evaluation of a player solely on the success of a single postseason never works. Jerome James. Larry Brown. Dexter Jackson. You get the point.)

Add to that an offense that scored less than A.C. Green at a year-end sorority party and competing with the Los Angeles Angels and Oakland Athletics does not look as easy as Bill Bavasi and Mike Hargrove would wish you to think.

But even without the thrill of first place on the horizon, you will find that this could be the most intriguing year to follow the Mariners in recent memory.

For starters, Hargrove at last has the ground work for a defense that most managers would kill for. Knowledgeable baseball fans and analysts will tell you that the character of a defense is created from the middle of the field out. Well, few teams have a stronger center, from catcher to centerfield, than the Mariners.

Kenji Johjima, an excellent defender and extremely durable player (he played in 144 games last year) will be expected to be the rock behind the plate again this year. Lopez and Yuniesky Betancourt, both a year older at 23 and 24 respectively, are already one of the better double play combos in the league. But with Betancourt's Ozzie Smith heroics at shortstop, you can expect many a WebGem from these two.

Not to be left out, Ichiro, newly unleashed out into centerfield, will at last have a chance to show off his ridiculous range. Think Griffey, but with a Jay Buhner cannon for an arm. Besides, with Ichiro potentially facing free agency next year (apparently for the first time ever, including his time in Japan), don't think that he won't be eager to showcase himself out there in the premier defensive position.

Flanking Ichiro in right field will be newcomer Jose Guillen. It's hard to know what to expect from Guillen, who used to have one of the best arms in the league before reconstructive elbow surgery last year. If he approaches anything near full form, which is not entirely out of the realm of possibility, the outfield will be formidable once again.

But the biggest bonus of the Guillen signing is his bat. Optimistically, Guillen could provide about a .300 average and 30 home runs. I say "optimistically" because more likely those numbers, if he can muster a decent season coming off his surgery, will be .280 with 20 HR. But even that is a significant upgrade over the offensive black hole that was Jeremy Reed.

Guillen will have little room for error as the Mariners' other major offensive signing was a DH who earlier in his career was considered a decent offensive threat... for a second baseman. What benefit the Mariners see in making a batting specialist of Vidro who last year hit

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The March to Salem begins

Colin Storm
Sports Editor

At deadline of the Whitworthian this week, we know who is in the 2007 Division III tournament, we just don't know who is playing whom and where.

But knowing what we know, let's look at some of the teams to watch out for in the 59-team tournament that starts this week.

UW-Stevens Point is the almost unanimous No. 1 seed in the nation, which means they will probably get, at the very least, the No. 1 seed in the West Region, the same region the Whitworth Pirates are in.

The Point Pointers enter the tournament with the fewest turnovers per game (8.5) of any team in the nation and the best free throw percentage (81.6) of any team. In addition, UW-Stevens Point is third in the nation in three-point percentage (42.7) and is top-ten in three other categories.

The Wooster Scots enter the tournament the champions of the NCAC with the second best scoring margin in the country (18.5) and are led by James Cooper who averages 18 points per game.

Mississippi College, who are fifth nationally through the latest Division III rankings, lead the nation in scoring defense, allowing only 55.9 points per game. They also rank second in field goal percentage with 52.8, only trailing the Whitworth Pirates in that category. Timothy Broomfield averages over three blocks per game in the post for the Choctaws.

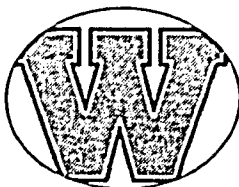


TEAMS TO WATCH

See who are the teams to beat in the Div. III tournament

UW-Stevens Point (25-2)

Location: Stevens Point, Wisc.
Conference: WIAC
Enrollment: 7,849
Colors: Purple/Gold
d3Hoops.com Ranking: 1
Quality Wins:
vs. UW-Oshkosh (89-76)
vs. UW-LaCrosse (83-68)
Coach: Bob Semling



Wooster (25-3)

Location: Wooster, Ohio
Conference: NCAC
Enrollment: 1,777
Colors: Black/Gold
d3Hoops.com Ranking: 4
Quality Wins:
vs. Wittenberg (68-63)
vs. Ohio Wesleyan (95-89)
Coach: Steve Moore

Mississippi College (24-2)

Location: Clinton, Miss.
Conference: ASC
Enrollment: 1,777
Colors: Blue/Gold
d3Hoops.com Ranking: 5
Quality Wins:
vs. Mary Hardin-Baylor (75-47)
vs. Westmont (81-77)
Coach: Mike Jones



The Whitworth Pirates, who enter the tournament on a four-game win streak, are looking to escape the West Region, arguably one of the toughest regions as the winner. The Pirates started the season 13-0 before falling to the Puget Sound Loggers for the first of two times in the season.

Virginia Wesleyan and Amherst also enter the tournament as perennial favorites, but they are hampered by losses as they enter the tournament.

The Virginia Wesleyan Marlins lost to Hampden-Sydney 70-67 in the ODAC, while the Amherst Lord Jeffs lost a 70-69 thriller to Williams on Sunday in the NESCAC finals. The Marlins are the defending champions heading into the tournament, while Stevens-Point had won the previous two championships.

The march to Salem begins this week and the Pirates will have their work cut out for them, but if they can play their best, they can play with anybody in the nation.

Women's tennis downs L&C, George Fox

Colin Storm
Sports Editor

The Whitworth women's tennis team won their first two matches of the season last weekend, defeating the Lewis & Clark Pioneers and George Fox Bruins at home.

The Pirates opened play against the Pioneers last Friday with two wins in the doubles matches, as the combination of seniors Betsy Johnson and Rachael McCoola defeated Cilo Beatty and Maggie Peach 8-4 at No. 2 doubles. At No. 3 doubles, sophomore Justine Hays and freshman Angela Aneagon defeated Alycia Yamasaki and Teresa Keimnec 8-1.

The Pioneers took No. 1 dou-

bles 8-5 as Lewis & Clark's Lisa Haranaga and Liz Nguyen defeated Whitworth's team of sophomore Linh Aven and senior Katie Troxell.

The Pirates swept the four through six singles matches to pull out a 5-4 win.

Johnson defeated Peach 6-1, 6-0 at No. 4 singles; junior Taryn Smith beat Yamasaki 6-0, 6-1 at No. 5 singles; and Hayes took Keimnec 6-0, 6-0 at No. 6 singles.

"Consistency was a big help for me in the match," Johnson said. "Staying mentally strong and keeping unforced errors at a minimum."

The Pioneers kept the team score close at 5-4 by sweeping the first three singles matches. Haranaga beat Aven at No. 1 singles 7-5, 6-3. McCoola kept it close at No. 2 singles, dropping a three-set match 6-2, 1-6, 6-3. Troxell lost a close match of her own, losing 6-4, 7-6 (5).

The Pirates got off to a better start last Saturday, sweeping the doubles matches against the Bruins.

Aven and Troxell defeated Lindsay Hagler and Valerie Ring 8-1 at No. 1 doubles, followed by an 8-3 win for Johnson and Smith at No. 2 doubles and a 8-6 win for McCoola and Aneagon at No. 3 doubles.

McCoola rebounded from her close loss the previous night to win at No. 1 singles over Ring in a third set super-tiebreaker 6-4, 4-6, (10-4).

"The turning point for the match on Saturday was losing the second set. I wanted to win so I stopped playing scared and I hit the ball as best as I could," McCoola said. "If she had a good shot, that was fine, but I was determined to have better shots."

Aven and Troxell were not so fortunate in third set super-tiebreakers. Aven lost to Hagler 2-6, 6-3, (10-7) and Rebecca Crinnion defeated Troxell 4-6, 6-4, (10-2).

The rest of the matches fell the way of the Pirates to complete a 7-2 win to improve the season and Northwest Conference record to 2-2.

Johnson beat Leilani Jackson 8-2 in a pro set at No. 4 singles; Smith beat Brittany Ekstrom 6-4, 6-2; and at No. 6, Hays beat the Bruins' Alayna Shaw 7-5, 6-2.

"I think that the whole team is getting stronger with every match," Johnson said. "Our first weekend is always tough, but once we get our nerves out we play much better."

The Pirates will take this momentum to Tacoma, Wash. next weekend to face the University of Puget Sound and Pacific Lutheran University in two key NWC matches.

"This weekend was really good for the team," Johnson said. "Getting a couple of wins under our belts gives us the confidence we need to go into next weekend strong."



JOHNSON

MEN'S TENNIS

Whitworth records first win of season

KT Pridgen
Staff writer

The Whitworth's men tennis team split on the road last weekend. Whitworth lost 5-4 to Lewis & Clark College last Friday but managed to pick up two wins in both the doubles and the singles. The Pirates then rallied to defeat George Fox 7-2 last Saturday, netting their first win of the season.

Whitworth started out strong against Lewis & Clark with juniors Ed Aneagon and Scott Donnell beating Lewis & Clark's George Allen and Peter Ray 8-5 in the first doubles match. Also winning their match for Whitworth was the freshman duo of Austin

Abelar and Kellen Oetgen 8-4 over Lewis & Clark's Andrew Moller and Andrew Davy.

The Pioneers overcame the Pirates during the singles matches, where the Pioneers won four of the six matches. Whitworth's only wins came from sophomore Scott Bourne, who won 7-6 (8-6), 6-0 against Ray, then Oetgen at No. 6 singles, who shut out Tom Youmans for a 6-0, 6-0 win.

"We weren't as patient as we should have been because we were eyeing that win too much and losing our focus," Oetgen said.

"Lewis & Clark is a team who we could've beat, but we just didn't finish strong."

Whitworth started out slowly against George Fox, losing two of the three doubles matches, but they didn't stay down for long.

"The team came alive against George Fox. We knew we could've beat Lewis & Clark and we needed a win desperately," Oetgen said.

The Pirates dominated the singles matches, sweeping all six to earn the win. Aneagon won at No. 1 singles 6-3, 6-4 over Kyle

Pearson, earning his first victory of the season. Also earning their first wins of the season were Michael Carlson at No. 2 singles with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Ralf Schulz and Donnell, who beat the Bruins' Jordan Vargas 6-4, 6-1.

Bourne earned a 2-6, 6-4, (10-4) win over Mac Ovenell in a super-tiebreaker to decide the third set. Oetgen moved up to the No. 5 position and beat Nick Jenness 6-1, 6-3. Abelar, who has been battling an illness, won his second match of the year over Shawn McKenzie 6-2, 6-2.

"This weekend was huge for us, and even though we didn't get both wins, our confidence is up and we're

playing smart, solid tennis again," Oetgen said.

Next weekend, the Pirates host the University of Puget Sound, Whitman College and Pacific Lutheran University as they look for three more wins for their record. The Pirates take on UPS Friday at 3 p.m. and Whitman and PLU this Saturday at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. respectively. The matches will be played at home if the weather is good but could be moved to Eastern Washington University or Whitman College if the weather is bad.

"I think the rest of the season can only go up if we continue to pull together and grow as a team like we did this past weekend," Oetgen said.



BOURNE

Sports BRIEFS

Second death strikes Broncos in two months

Denver Broncos running back Damien Nash had just arrived home after a charity basketball game he had organized in honor of his brother when he collapsed and died in front of his family. His brother, Darris, has been hospitalized with a heart condition, so Damien organized the basketball game to support The Darris Nash Find a Heart Foundation. Nash's death comes less than two months after teammate Darrent Williams was shot to death outside a Denver nightclub.

Ohio State tops Wisconsin to avenge prior loss

Mike Conley Jr. hit a jumper from the middle of the key with four seconds left to lead the second-ranked Ohio State Buckeyes to a 49-48 win over the top-ranked Wisconsin Badgers. With the win, the Buckeyes avenged an earlier loss to the Badgers and clinched their second consecutive Big Ten title. The loss was Wisconsin's second in a row this week, which is the first week in school history they were ranked No. 1 in the nation.

Duke completes first undefeated season in ACC

The Duke Blue Devils beat rival North Carolina Tar Heels 67-62 to become the first team in ACC history to finish the regular season undefeated. The Duke fans camped out like it was a men's game, even renaming Krzyzewski, named after men's coach Mike Krzyzewski, to Goestenorsopolis in honor of women's coach Gail Goestenors. Alison Bales scored 16 points and had 12 rebounds to pull away late.

Haas beats Roddick to win in Memphis

German Tommy Haas easily defeated American Andy Roddick 6-3, 6-2 to win his second consecutive Regions Morgan Keegan Championship in Memphis, Tenn., last Sunday. Haas did not face a break point in the entire tournament, as he won in Memphis for the third time in his career. Roddick, who will be ranked No. 3 in the latest ATP rankings, had won three of the previous four matches against Haas but failed to make it four of five.

Compiled by Colin Storm



Baseball

NWC ALL

L&C	2-0	2-4
George Fox	0-0	6-0
PLU	0-0	6-3
Pacific	0-0	2-1
Unfield	0-0	3-3
Whitworth	0-0	2-7
UPS	0-0	1-4-1
Whitman	0-0	0-4
Willamette	0-2	3-6

Next Pirate game:

Whitworth vs. Pacific (DH)
Saturday, March 3 @ Noon

Softball

NWC ALL

PLU	0-0	2-0
Whitworth	0-0	2-0
Willamette	0-0	1-0
George Fox	0-0	2-6
L&C	0-0	1-8
Unfield	0-0	0-0
Pacific	0-0	0-0
UPS	0-0	0-0

Next Pirate game:

Whitworth @ Pacific (DH)
Friday, March 3 @ Noon

Men's Tennis

NWC ALL

Whitman	10-0	11-2
PLU	4-1	4-3
Unfield	4-3	5-7
UPS	3-4	3-5
Willamette	2-4	2-5
L&C	1-2	1-2
George Fox	1-3	1-3
Whitworth	1-4	1-6
Pacific	0-5	0-5

Next Pirate match:

Whitworth vs. Puget Sound
Friday, March 2 @ 3 p.m.

Women's Tennis

NWC ALL

Unfield	3-0	3-1
UPS	3-1	4-1
PLU	3-1	3-1
Whitman	3-1	5-2
Whitworth	2-2	2-2
Willamette	2-2	2-4
L&C	1-3	1-4
Pacific	0-3	0-5
George Fox	0-4	0-5

Next Pirate match:

Whitworth @ Puget Sound
Friday, March 2 @ 4 p.m.

Player of THE WEEK



Jon Young
Guard

22 points and eight rebounds in win over LC

'Freese'ing in the Snow



Nate Chase/Whitworthian

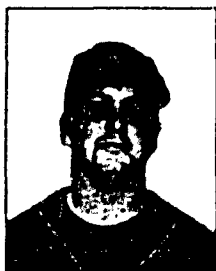
Freshman Katie Freese runs a distance event during the First Annual Forrest P. Ewens Red v. Black Intrasquad meet last Friday. Formerly known as the Holy War against Gonzaga, Whitworth re-named the event after Ewens, who was killed in Afghanistan last June.

Bucs win two in 'Zona

Justin Jose
Staff writer

The Whitworth baseball team traveled to Peoria, Ariz. searching for their first win of the early season.

Last Thursday, the first day of the tournament, the Pirates rode the momentum of a great performance from their pitching staff beating Washington & Lee University 10-1. In the remaining four games of the tournament, the Pirates conceded three of them while coming away with one more victory.



WHITESIDE

Following their first win over Washington & Lee, Whitworth dropped the second game of their double header last Thursday to Trinity University, 9-5. Last Friday, the Pirates picked up their second win by beating Hastings University, 8-3. Saturday, the Pirates were swept in their double header by Trinity 3-1 and Hastings 7-6.

Despite the two wins and three losses, the team performed well and had an opportunity to improve in their three losses.

"The tournament was a great experience for the team," coach Keith Ward said. "We were in every game and our three losses came out of the seventh, eighth and ninth innings."

The Pirates pitching staff thinned when two of their pitchers, junior Chad Flett and freshman Stephen Baranowski, were injured at

the tournament. The staff performed well considering the injuries the team suffered. Senior Brandon Zimmerman, junior Jason Weatherman, sophomore John Hauck and freshman Collin Gibbs all pitched well for the Pirates, a good sign for the upcoming conference schedule.

Offensively, the Pirates were led by junior Jon Whiteside and senior Joel Tampien. Whiteside hit .500 while Tampien batted .400 for the tournament.

The teams played the tournament at the Oakland Athletics spring training field giving the players the experience of playing on a professional field.

"We played on a great field, had some scouts from the San Diego Padres watch the games and in every game we had an opportunity win," said Ward.

Coach Ward remains optimistic despite the record.

"With these games that we have played, we get more experience and more preparation for when league play begins," Ward said.

Ward also expounded on confidence.

"Even though we haven't won many games, we have been playing better and that just builds our confidence," Ward said.

The Pirates begin Northwest Conference play this Saturday against Pacific University, when they take on the Boxers in a doubleheader starting at noon. The Pirates are aiming for a good showing in league and their pre-conference schedule depicts that.

With tough matches before conference, the Pirates are hoping the experience gained from those games will boost them in conference play.

MARINERS: On the right track

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.289 with a meager seven home runs in the hitter's ballpark of RFK stadium is completely beyond me.

What's more, Hargrove is talking about making Vidro the No. 3 hitter. This move is being made on the lesser of multiple evils logic and could possibly turn out alright. Vidro won't need to have too much power to hit third and at least has a respectable average. But in order to truly succeed, he will still need to get on base a lot more than he has recently.

This whole situation is vaguely reminiscent of the Matt Lawton signing from last year. Too much hope on an aging veteran. If he doesn't produce, Vidro, now 32, may finish his career on the waiver wire.

But on the whole, as long as Vidro doesn't find a way make the offense worse than last year (which would be virtually impossible considering that they

scored fewer runs than the Royals!) the Mariners should be a much more enjoyable team to watch at the plate.

And most importantly, they will be more enjoyable to watch in general. With a defense that will thrill and a pitching staff that at the very least won't suck, this may be the year that things finally take a turn for the better.

Don't get me wrong, this is still a flawed team. Predicting a finish in the top of half of the division remains a bit too optimistic. But what is different this year is that rather than sitting on failed projects and frustrating prospects, the Mariners wiped the slate clean and focused on what has been successful, not merely what has potential.

That means that after years of having more questions than answers, this may be the first spring since 2001 where having hope as a Mariners fan doesn't feel so, well, hopeful.

CLINCH: Young scores 22 in win

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cut the lead to seven.

Lewis & Clark pulled down their 21st offensive rebound in the game to give them a second chance. Pioneer star guard Joey Toboni missed a jumper, then senior guard James Jones pulled

down the rebound and found Williams for the outlet pass. Williams found a wide-open Symes to throw down the emphatic dunk, but he missed. Jones grabbed the rebound then sent it back to Symes for a lay-up.

Toboni hit a buzzer-beating 75-foot shot to end the game with a score of 69-62.

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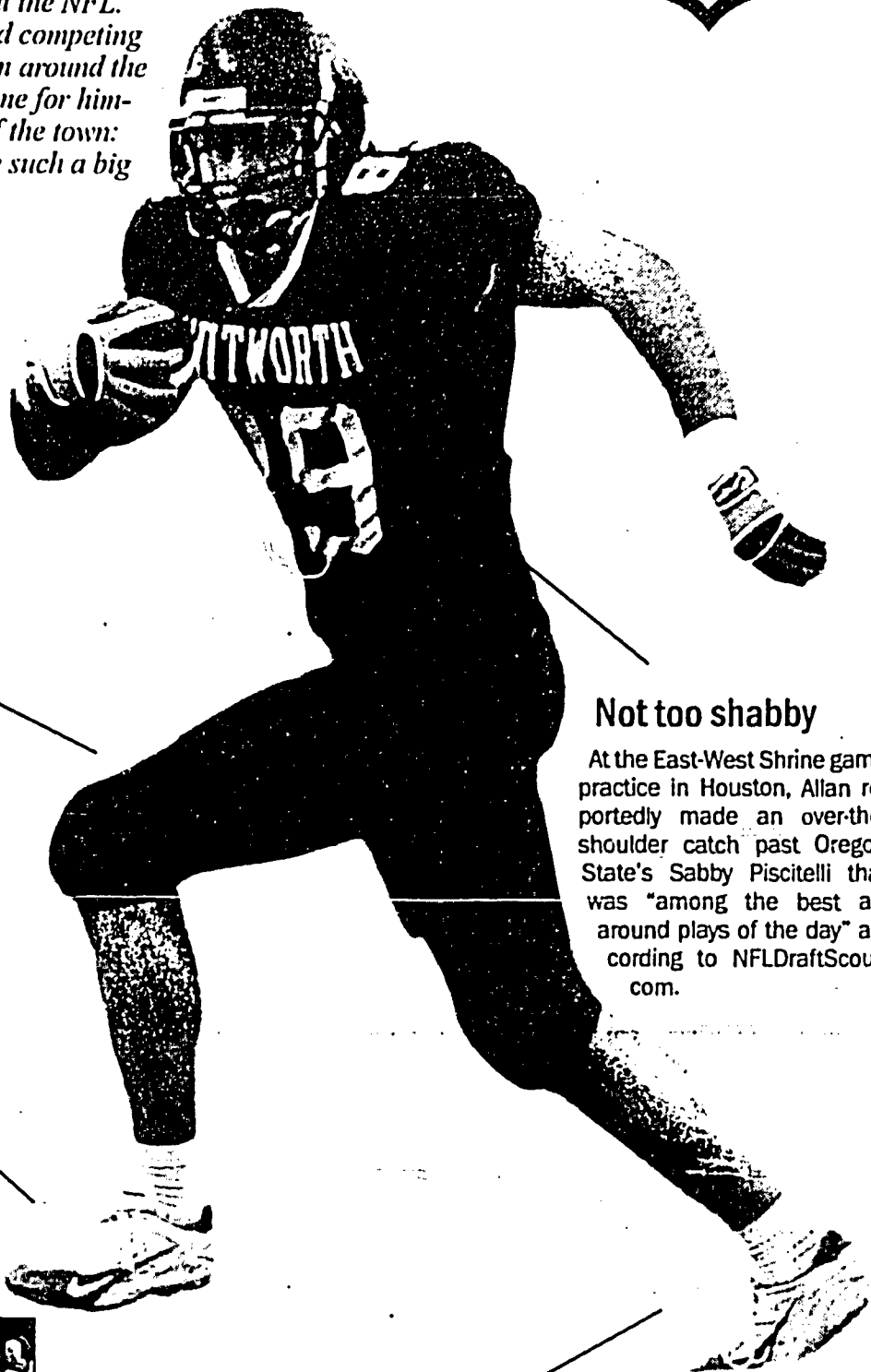
NFL Prospect

Colin Storm
Sports Editor

Senior tight end Michael Allan spent the past few weeks training in New Jersey for his shot at the NFL. He then spent four days last weekend competing against top football competition from around the nation in Indianapolis to make a name for himself. He has since become the talk of the town: How a small school player can have such a big impact.

Growing pains

"Believe it or not, I was only 6'4", 190. I was an awkward kid coming out of high school," Allan said. "I played receiver. I only ran like a five-flat (40-yard dash). So I wasn't exactly a top prospect. Then my body matured when I got into college and I grew from there." Allan now measures out at 6'6" and 255 pounds.



Making the leap

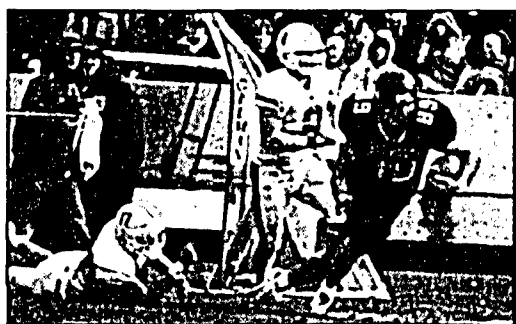
Allan's broad jump of 10'3" led all tight ends and his 36" vertical was second-best among tight ends.

Not too shabby

At the East-West Shrine game practice in Houston, Allan reportedly made an over-the-shoulder catch past Oregon State's Sabby Piscitelli that was "among the best all-around plays of the day" according to NFLDraftScout.com.

Fast feet

With his 4.65 unofficial 40-yard dash time and his 4.71 official 40-yard dash time, Allan put his name on the map. His times were good enough for the second fastest of all tight ends at the Combine.



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Jesse Clark/Whitworthian

Senior Michael Allan catches a touchdown against Azusa Pacific in 2006. Though he landed in bounds, the pass was ruled incomplete.

Michael Allan came to Whitworth as a self-proclaimed slow, awkward wide receiver. But he will leave Whitworth as a bona fide star whose physical test results have turned heads among NFL teams at the 2007 NFL Combine in Indianapolis.

And who knows? He might just leave Whitworth as an NFL player who some scouts are saying could be drafted as high as the fourth round.

"Believe it or not, I was only 6'4", 190. I was an awkward kid coming out of high school," Allan said.

Now at 6'6" and 255 pounds, Allan has morphed into one of the leading prospects among tight ends in the Class of 2007.

But the two-time Division III All-American, who recorded 53 catches for 1,100 yards and nine touchdowns in 2006, had to earn the respect of his peers, the media and scouts coming from a no-name, private liberal-arts school named Whitworth.

"I've gotten used to the fact that nobody knows where Whitworth is," Allan said.

He has earned the respect on the field at the East-West Shrine game in Houston last month and last weekend at the Combine.

Though he did not have a catch during the East-West Shrine game, Allan did recover a fumble on special teams and recorded one of the best catches during the week prior to the game during one of the West's practices that was scouted.

Allan reportedly made an over-the-shoulder catch past Oregon State's Sabby Piscitelli that was "among the best all-around plays of the day" according to NFLDraftScout.com.

Allan also jumped onto the national scene by posting some of the best results among tight ends. He officially ran a 4.71 40-yard dash, second among tight ends, though some scouts timed him as high as 4.65.

Allan had the best broad jump among tight ends, posting a jump of 10'3". His 36" vertical jump was second best among tight ends as well, only behind Boise State's Derek Schouman.

The only questions seem to be about his run blocking and the competition he faced playing at the Division III level.

Allan has accepted his underdog role and feels like he is representing more than just an institution. He's representing the 420 colleges and universities at the Division III level, as he was the only player from D-III to be invited to the NFL Combine.

"In addition to representing myself I feel like I am representing kind of the whole division because there are a lot of phenomenal athletes out there that didn't get their shot at D-I, so now they're trying to make it," Allan said.

He might just get the chance to represent Division III sooner than he imagined, putting his journalism degree on hold and playing along side some of the greatest players in history.

What the experts are saying:

"The kid from Whitworth really helped himself. Michael Allan ran in the 4.6s. I think it was a 4.65 officially. He caught the football well, he jumped well, and for a kid that is a non-Division I athlete and the only Division III athlete invited here, it's important. You don't get anywhere near as much time in front of people around the league if you are a non-IA player. A kid like that really stepped up and helped himself today."

— Mike Maycock, the NFL Network's primary draft analyst

"Bellevue native and Whitworth College grad Michael Allan officially ran a 4.71 and drew rave reviews from NFL Network analyst Mike Maycock as a sleeper in the tight end class."

— Seahawks Insider Mike Kahn

"Whitworth TE Michael Allan has emerged as one of the most captivating stories of the 2007 combine. The first Division III prospect invited to the NFL scouting combine since WR Ryan Hoag in 2003, Allan proved worthy of the invitation when he ran the second-best 40-yard time (4.71) of the entire tight end group. He is raw and he doesn't show ideal lateral quickness, but Allan has the size, speed and hands to warrant draft consideration on the second day."

— Todd McShay, espn.com

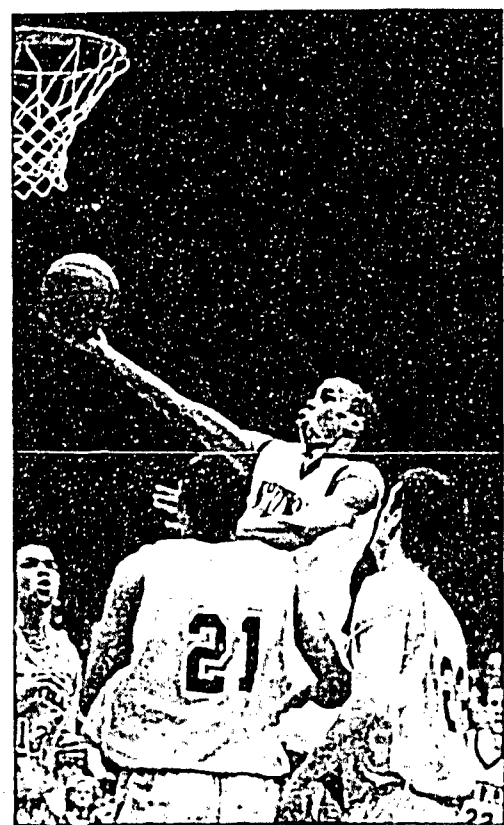
"Allan definitely helped himself here in terms of actually allowing scouts to see him move, but he was timed at a 4.67 in the spring and his speed and overall athleticism was known. We have him as a solid 6-7(th round pick) and with this weak tight end class, I could see him moving into even the late 4th to 5th based on how he performed here and at the East-West Shrine Game."

— Rob Rang, NFLDraftScout.com Senior Draft Analyst



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CLICK IT: Want to hear all of the Michael Allan press conference at the NFL Combine? Listen at: http://www.thenewstribune.com/static/podcasts/seahawks/02_22_2007_Combine_Michael_Allan.mp3



NWC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE CHAMPS!

Whitworth students, faculty and staff came out to support the Pirates last Saturday as they defeated the Lewis & Clark Pioneers and secured a spot in the Division III tournament.

TOP: Whitworth students celebrate on the court after the game. The Pirates won 69-62.

Jesse Clark Whitworthian

TOP RIGHT: Junior Ryan Symes lays the ball up over three Lewis & Clark defenders in the second half.

Nate Chute Whitworthian

MIDDLE RIGHT: Students react after the buzzer signals the end of the game.

Jesse Clark Whitworthian

FAR RIGHT UPPER: The crowd gives the "hook" during Ryan Symes' free throw in the first half.

Thomas Robinson Whitworthian

FAR RIGHT: Coach Jim Hayford

talks to his team during a time out.

Thomas Robinson Whitworthian

LOWER RIGHT: Professors Dale Soden, Jerry Sittser and Ron Pyle lead the "Go Bucs" cheer.

Nate Chute Whitworthian

BOTTOM RIGHT: Senior Bryan Williams drives past Thomas Tillery in the first half.

Nate Chute Whitworthian

BOTTOM MIDDLE: Junior Graham Monteleone represents.

Nate Chute Whitworthian

BELOW: Junior Ryan Symes and senior James Jones go after a rebound in the second half.

Jesse Clark Whitworthian



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Softball sweeps, improves to 7-0

Pirates complete a four-
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*"People would always
rather believe in the
ridiculous than the
miraculous"*

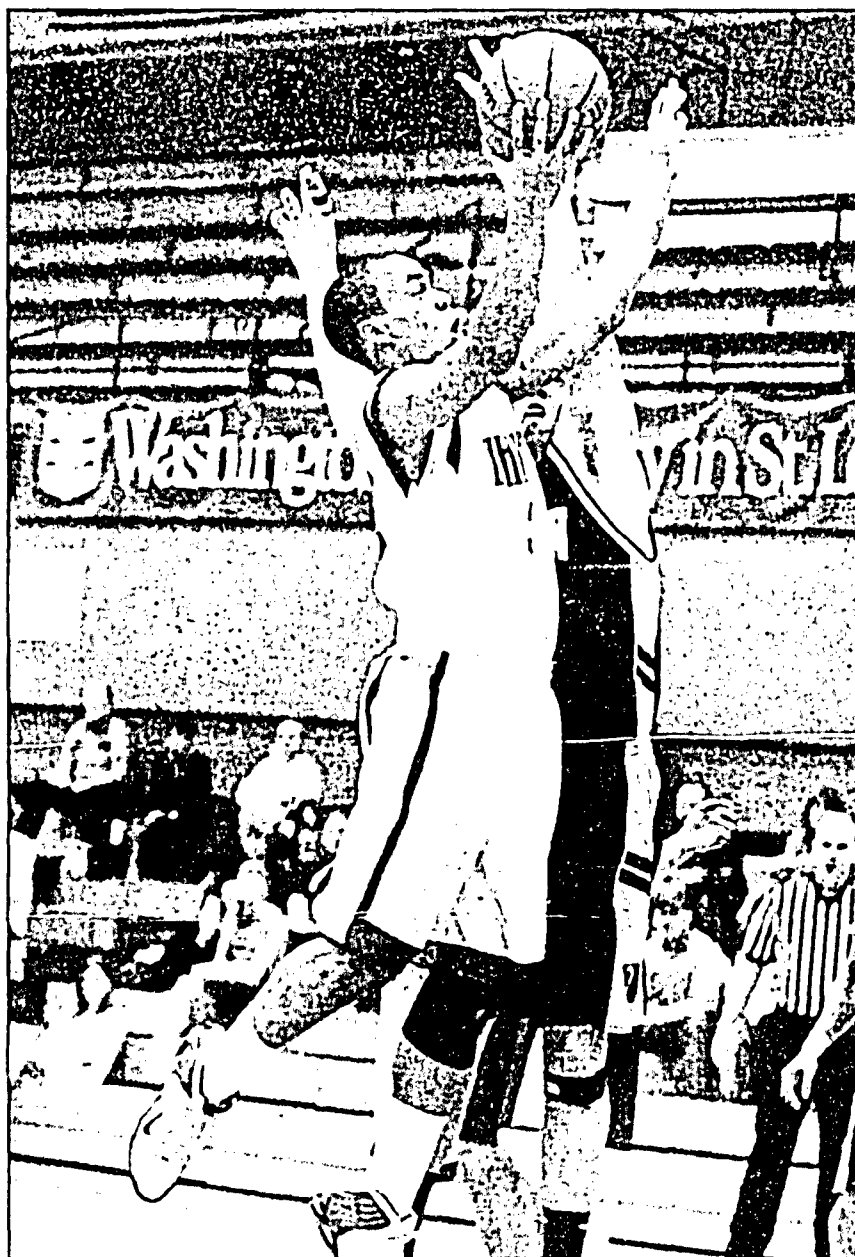
- Ken Trestall

Chaplain at Jerusalem's Garden
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Season ends with 63-61 loss



Lionel Sobchak Student Life

Junior forward Ryan Symes takes the ball strong to the hole last Friday during the Pirates' 62-59 overtime win over DePauw University. Symes contributed 15 points and seven rebounds in the victory. Whitworth lost the next night, 63-61.

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Students say issues unresolved

Minorities upset by racial stereotypes

De Andra Kenoly
Staff writer

senior Sha'nay Mc-
Quinter said.

Several minority stu-
dents said they feel a se-
ries of racial issues that
emerged last semester
remain unresolved.

"As soon as they
said Jay-Z, everybody
looked at us assuming
that one of us would
want this CD for Christ-
mas. It made [the mi-
nority students] angry,"
McQuinter said.

The incidents in-
volved a game at a
Christmas party, sev-
eral posters displayed
on dormitory doors that
were seen as offensive
and interac-
tions with
student gov-
ernment.

DISCONNECTED

A CLOSER LOOK
AT RACE RELATIONS
ON CAMPUS

The inci-
dents began
when a group of mi-
nority students went to
a Christmas party off
campus last semester.
At the party, all of the
guests were playing a
game. In the game, a
person would name a
Christmas gift and the
players would have to
guess who would want
the gifts. One of the
gifts mentioned was a
CD by rapper Jay-Z.

After the party Mc-
Quinter, along with
senior and cultural
events coordinator De-
lia Orosco
and senior
and BSU
president
Tiffanie Be-
atty, went to

visit a friend in Warren
Hall to talk about what
happened, McQuinter
said.

They found a picture
on a door in Warren
that depicted a group of
white sheep and a single
black sheep walking
through a school yard,
Orosco said.

"All the white sheep

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HPV vaccine available in Health Center

Joy Bacon
Scene editor

A vaccine for an infection that is
the leading cause of cervical can-
cer is now available in the Whit-
worth Health Center.

MERCK pharmaceuticals re-
leased Gardasil in June 2006 as the
first vaccine for four types of the
human papillomavirus. HPV is a
sexually transmitted infection that
causes 70 percent of cervical can-
cer cases. The American Cancer
Society predicts about 3,670 U.S.
women will die from cervical can-
cer in 2007.

The Health Center announced
the vaccine's arrival to campus
on Feb. 9 through a campus-wide
e-mail. Student Health Center di-
rector Jan Murray was optimistic
about the vaccine's breakthrough
in the fight against cancer.

"[Gardasil] is huge in medicine

and the human experience. It's
some kind of miracle," Murray
said.

The FDA approved Gardasil
for females ages 9-26, but it rec-
ommends the vac-
cine for 11 and
12-year-old girls.
The vaccine is ad-
ministered over a
six-month period
with a series of
three shots.

Each shot costs
\$130 at the Health
Center, though
private practices are charging as
much as \$160 per shot, Murray
said. Some insurance policies cov-
er the vaccine.

Some students feared the vac-
cine's cost would deter people
from receiving it.

"Cost is a huge deterrent," se-
nior Priscilla Fuentes said. "My

friend needs it but she can't get it
because it's too expensive."

Murray said another company is
preparing to release a competing
vaccine, which could create com-
petitive and lower
prices.

HPV is the most
common STI in
the United States.
According to the
Center for Disease
Control, at least 50
percent of sexually
active men and
women acquire
a genital HPV infection at some
point in their lives.

Gardasil works against HPV
types 6, 11, 16 and 18. These four
types cause 90 percent of genital
warts and types 16 and 18 cause 70
percent of cervical cancer, accord-
ing to the CDC.

About 10 percent of women in-

fectected with HPV develop persis-
tent HPV infection, according to
the CDC.

This high-risk infection puts
them at the greatest risk for devel-
oping cervical precursor lesions
and cervical cancer.

Studies have found the vaccine
to be almost 100 percent effec-
tive in preventing diseases caused
by the four HPV types it covers.
Gardasil does treat existing HPV
infections. It has not yet been ap-
proved for men.

Murray encouraged women to
consider the vaccine even if they
are not sexually active.

"It's important for young wom-
en to protect themselves regard-
less of past sexual history or future
sexual practice. You can't predict
the future," Murray said.

Senior Erika Raborn agreed with

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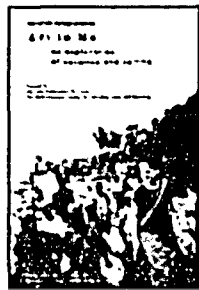
A DVD produced by Whitworth professors Terry McGonigal and Dale Soden with North by Northwest Productions, has recently gained the attention of a large number of prominent U.S. colleges and universities.

The video, "Art in Me: An Exploration of Vocation and Calling," tells the story of eight graduated and current Whitworth students through personal interviews with those students and current Whitworth faculty, focusing on the subjects of "vocation" and "calling."

Whitworth is part of an organization called P.T.E.V., the Project for the Theological Exploration of Vocation, along with 87 other nationwide colleges and universities, including Pacific Lutheran University, Pepperdine University, University of Notre Dame and Willamette University.

A number of the 87 schools have shown keen interest in the video, expressing their concern that the ideas of vocation and calling are not being implemented in their schools. The "Art in Me" DVD has inspired some of these schools, and they have requested their own copies to use at their institutions. The video has struck a chord as something that is not meant just for Whitworth, but for anyone interested in hearing student and faculty ideas

"Art in Me: An Exploration of Vocation and Calling"



Producers: Terry McGonigal, Dale Soden
Starring: Jen Senkler, Jena Lee, Majid Tanas, David Collins, Nate Carson, Margaret Meeker-Carson, Denice Randle, Michael Carlson, Michael Chansavang
Running Time: 30 min.

about vocation and calling.

Terry McGonigal, chaplain, said vocation comes from the Latin *vocare*, meaning "call" or "calling." Put in a Christian context, McGonigal said, it encourages reflection on what God expects us to do in the world. In a general sense one's calling is to love and honor God by loving our neighbor as ourselves, and when we do that daily, we are essentially fulfilling vocation.

Dale Soden, executive assistant to the president, said the concepts are fundamentally built on the idea that "God has created us in such a way to act in a purpose as a human being." Purpose, Soden said, is defined as doing things and living life in a way that would honor God.

Whitworth students have various ideas of

what vocation and calling mean. A number of students have seen the "Art in Me" video in freshman seminar class, where vocation and calling concepts are addressed. Freshman Ian Zuck, a freshman, describes vocation as, "What you feel is right; what God has in store for you."

"Two or three of my classes have mentioned vocation," freshman Erin Marshall said.

Junior Daniel Griffin describes calling as, "What you're passionate about."

Exchange student Federico Freytes, from Argentina, said vocation is, "What you're born to be."

"I do think that the idea of calling and vocation has really taken root here ... that faculty and staff are trying to incorporate this," McGonigal said.

Soden said vocation and calling concepts are being implemented in curriculum, individual mentoring and service learning programs.

The documentary was produced by Whitworth in collaboration with North by Northwest Productions in Spokane, and funded by the Weyerhaeuser Center for Christian Faith and Learning and the Lilly Endowment.

The Lilly Endowment is a grant Whitworth has been used extensively, by funding special lectures, developing new programs, leadership training, retreats and much more. The production of the "Art in Me" video was one of those projects.

New music hall might be built instead of remodel

Tim Takechi
Staff writer

Cowles Memorial Auditorium went through a series of acoustic testing as part of a planning stage for constructing a new music hall.

From Feb. 19 to 20 an acoustic designer from Kirkegaard Associates visited the auditorium to perform sound and vibration tests to evaluate how Cowles could be made into a more effective space for musical performances.

Whitworth's strategic plan calls for a new performing arts facility sometime in the next five years.

A musical performing space would be a part of the new facility, said Steve Thompson, director of capital projects. The testing was carried out in order to decide if Cowles Auditorium could feasibly be adjusted from its current acoustic design.

"We're trying to figure out if the new performing arts building will be built with a theatre performance space only, or if a separate music concert hall will also be included," Thompson said.

If Cowles Memorial Auditorium can be adjusted acoustically, the space will be reduced to approximately 700 seats when music con-

certs are performed there.

The acoustic consultant inspected the shape of the auditorium and tested the reverberation time by listening in on rehearsals by the choir and wind symphony. Reverberation measures how persistent a sound lasts in a given space after the original sound is created.

Richard Strauch, associate professor of music and director of Whitworth Wind Symphony, said a good music hall allows for a deeper, longer-lasting sound to reverberate throughout the audience. Cowles Auditorium's space does not allow for such a rich sound to travel, Strauch said.

"Large music ensembles need more time for the sound to blend," Strauch said. "I prefer a sound hall that has a longer reverberation time and with a warmer sound."

The acoustics engineers met with a few of the faculty members from the music department and discussed with them the aspects of Cowles Memorial Auditorium they felt needed changing. Strauch

said several music professors expressed the opinion that the sound from concerts of large ensembles was a dry sound.

Some music groups as a result perform their concerts elsewhere. The Whitworth Choir decided to perform their concerts in other spaces because the acoustics in Cowles deadens the music, Strauch said.

Sophomore Melody Fisher, who plays the bassoon for the Whitworth Wind Symphony, said the quality of sound in Cowles changes depending on where an audience member listens to the performance.

"Some seats in the auditorium have dead spots where it's hard to hear the full effect of the music," Fisher said.

Fisher said it is preferable to have a better performing space so that the audience can better enjoy the concerts.

Dan Keberle, professor of music, said the Whitworth Jazz Ensemble is fine with Cowles Memorial Auditorium because jazz music needs

a dryer performing space.

"Basically, any music with drums or loud percussion needs a dryer sound to soak up the space," Keberle said.

Jazz musicians outside of Whitworth enjoy performing in Cowles because it seats more than a thousand people and releases less reverberation than other performing halls.

"[Cowles] is one of the best spots for jazz in the city," Keberle said.

Right now no concrete decisions have been made regarding the new music facility. The administration is currently looking at all options to see if remodeling Cowles is the best decision.

"The music and theatre departments would like to share the same building, but they have very different instructional, rehearsal and performance needs," Thompson said.

If remodeling turns out to be not the best choice, a new music hall might be built altogether.

In the meantime, the college needs to find out which decision is both cost-effective and makes all the performing arts departments satisfied at the same time, Thompson said.

Whitworth
Speaks
OUT

"People make racial comments all the time without realizing that would be offensive."



Kelli Christanson
Sophomore

"There is a large gap between minority students and white students."



Nathaniel Orwiler
Sophomore

What racial issues are you aware of at Whitworth?



Teby Wammack
Senior

"People feel discriminated against, and I think that goes for not only ethnicities but subcultures."



Tyson Baldwin
Sophomore

"I haven't seen many. I hear racism is pretty big."

Compiled by James Spung and Caroline Davis

Some job listings unreliable

Rosa Gibbons
Staff writer

When using the job listings on Whitworth's Web site, students may need to guess whether the closing date listed is real or not.

Many of the listings are posted as having closed already, some as far back as October or November.

There is request for childcare for a women's Bible study on four specific dates in November and December. This job's closing date was Nov. 14, 2006.

Coordinator for student employment Laurie Armstrong-Sargent said each listing is taken off the Web site once the employer has called

in and said the job has been filled. In addition, Sargent said, from time to time staff members will audit the listings.

They call the employers whose jobs have been on the site for a long time to see if jobs have been filled to remove very old listings, especially non-work study ones.

Sargent said that often employers, especially those who qualify for work study, will call and ask to reactivate their listing. When this happens, the same information as the first time is put up on the site, including posting and closing dates.

Edify Media, a local public relations company, has two positions available on the Web site, both listed as closing in October or November.

However, when contacted, the company said these jobs have not yet been filled.

On the other hand, the Schopen family was looking for someone to help their children get ready in the morning, and they posted the job more than once. The first listing was posted on Nov. 4 and was listed as closing on Nov. 15. The last listing was posted on Dec. 30, without a closing date. This job has been filled, Kim Schopen said.

When students are looking for a job, they are first directed to the job listings on the Whitworth Web site, Sargent said.

"If you're having trouble, then you can come in and we can go over the listings with you," Sargent said.

World BRIEFS

Woman may strive for bid in Argentina

As the presidential election in Argentina approaches, President Nestor Kirchner may step aside as the dominant incumbent and allow his wife, Senator Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, to become the Peronist party candidate.

The move may not simply be a husbandly concession, Argentine political analysts said. The Kirchners seem to be looking beyond the upcoming election on Oct. 28 and to the next twelve years or more in office, switching off as their party's candidate during each election.

While term limits in Argentina restrict presidents to two consecutive four-year terms, they can run again four years after their term ends, regardless of how many terms they have served in office.

Australians try to put citizen on trial at home

As the United States military charges an Australian citizen, David Hicks, with a minor terrorism-related offense, a movement is gathering strength in Australia to have their own citizen tried and returned.

Hicks, who was captured in Afghanistan after the American military invaded in 2001, has been held at the American base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for five years without trial.

The single charge, which was announced by the Pentagon last Thursday, accused Hicks of "providing support for terrorism." Hicks was originally charged with conspiracy to commit murder and engage in acts of terrorism, attempted murder and aiding the enemy.

All charges were eventually dropped. The current charge may not stand up in court. Material support for terrorism was not criminalized until 2006, long after Hicks trained with al Qaeda, Hicks' attorneys said.

Swiss troops accidentally invade neighbor

During a routine training exercise last Thursday, a unit of Swiss soldiers got lost at night and marched into the neighboring country of Liechtenstein, nearly creating an embarrassing incident for Switzerland.

One hundred seventy Swiss infantry soldiers marched more than 2 mile across an unmarked area of the border with Switzerland's tiny neighbor. The company then realized its mistake and immediately turned back.

Compiled by James Spung

Funding crunch limits practice field

Jessica Davis
News editor

The combination of growing intramurals, a generous donation and the availability of space means construction on an intramural practice field will begin after graduation.

The college acquired three houses on Waikiki and Hawthorne Roads one year ago. The purchase of these homes was the last piece of the puzzle needed to create space for an additional practice field, director of capitol projects Steve Thompson said.

Just under 20 percent of the budget for this project will come from student fees and tuition. Student tuition usually feeds into the overall operating budget and a portion of the budget will be allocated to the construction of the intramural field.

The Board of Trustees approved a \$1.2 million budget for the project last fall.

The construction project budget is around \$700,000, Thompson said.

John and Judy Scoford donated \$480,000 to the project, according to vice president for institutional advancement Kristi Burns.

Bids will be made on the project on March 8 in order for the Board to approve the choice in April.

A lead gift from an anonymous donor funded most of the construction budget. However, \$180,000 from student fees was needed to fund the rest of the budget in order to start construction, according to controller Luz Merkel.

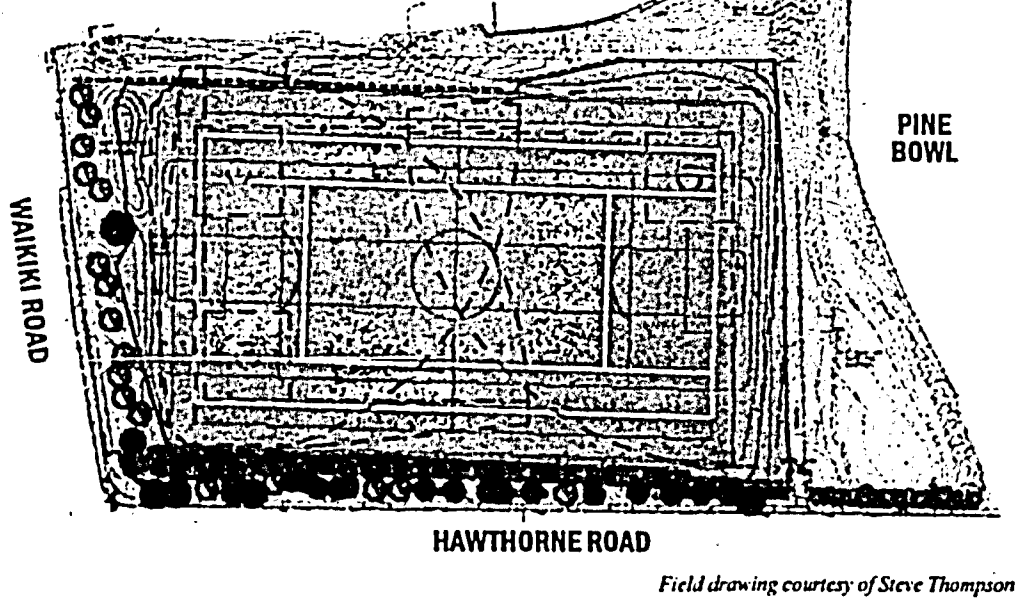
The initial budget included \$300,000 for a recreation equipment storage building, enhanced fencing and a monument sign that says, "Welcome to Whitworth University." Right now the college only has acquired funds for the house buyout and construction costs, Thompson said.

Artificial turf and lighting did not make the initial budget due to a lack of funding. These amenities would cost an addition \$1 million, executive assistant to the president Dale Soden said.

"We're putting in underground conduits so

FUTURE INTRAMURAL FIELD

The college will break ground on the new field after graduation. The field will be the size of a regulation soccer field and will be ready for use in Spring 2008.



Field drawing courtesy of Steve Thompson

we don't have to dig up the field if we decide to put lights in later," Thompson said. "[Putting in lights and artificial turf] would be ideal and we can come back later, but we didn't see that as feasible for the short term."

"The ongoing increase in student rec activity and the lack of space is the other component that has pushed this to the top of our schedule," Thompson said.

Soden agrees.

"We recognize it's been challenging at points to provide adequate playing surfaces for the number of people that want to play intramurals," Soden said.

Thompson said he anticipates pressure to open the field as soon as possible. He said the field will most likely be ready for use in the

Spring of 2008.

"It will take six to eight months for that turf to get established," Thompson said.

In addition to meeting the needs of students, the field also helps out the college by moving Frisbee off the Loop.

"It should help us protect the Loop itself," Soden said. "Most people prefer to have green grass in the Loop rather than brown dirt."

A greener campus helps increase the aesthetics of campus when trying to attract students.

"We're still aware of how challenging it is to look as good as PLU, Whitman and UPS when perspective students come on campus with other schools in mind," Soden said. "It will help enhance the feel of the college as prospective students first go onto it."

Residents make way for intramural field

Jessica Davis
News editor

Two long time Whitworth staff members are being forced to move out due to the construction of the intramural field.

Two theme houses and two apartment buildings will be relocated leading to a loss of 17 beds, assistant director of residence life Nicole Boymook said.

Interlibrary loan and reference specialist Gail Fielding has worked at Whitworth for 31 years. She has lived in the duplexes that will be torn down for the past 20 years.

Fielding graduated from Whitworth in 1962. Her four siblings and youngest son all graduated from Whitworth as well.

"That was my goal—to come

back here and work," Fielding said.

Late last fall, Fielding was notified she might have to move to make way for the intramural field depending on funding.

"If they didn't get it, they were going to do part of it and leave the houses," Fielding said.

Fielding said she first received an e-mail and then a personal visit from executive assistant to the president Dale Soden after the funding came through.

Soden said the college has tried to be as open with Fielding and the other staff member as possible. The other staff member did not wish to be identified.

"I don't know what the

original arrangement was when they were renting space from the duplex. They understood it wasn't a permanent arrangement," Soden said.

Fielding said Whitworth did not help her or the other staff member in finding new housing.

"There was no alternative since students were using everything else," Fielding said.

Soden said he believes help was available to both staff members if needed.

"My head knows that we need this, but my heart hurts to move," Fielding said.

Fielding realizes her move is necessary for the school.

"I love our students so

"My head knows that we need this, but my heart hurts to move."

Gail Fielding,
Reference specialist

Campus BRIEFS

Whitworth to host 'I'm going to College Day'

Sixth-grade students from Mead's Meadow Ridge Elementary School will visit Whitworth March 15 and experience college as students for a day. The program is part of efforts to encourage children from diverse socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds to attend college. It informs them and their parents of the academic and financial preparation required.

Annual Green with Envy Dance will rock Café

Arend Hall hosts their annual Spring Dance this Saturday. Students are invited to participate at no cost. The dance will be held at 9:00 p.m. in the HUB Multipurpose room.

Lecturer to talk about global hunger Thursday

Benjamin Homan will present a lecture titled "Responding to the Challenge of Global Hunger" in Weyerhaeuser Hall's Robinson Teaching Theatre. Homan is president of Food for the Hungry. Before joining Food for the Hungry, Homan was vice president at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis. The lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. this Thursday.

Panel to look at using academic major in ministry

Global Ministries Week began Monday with activities continuing through Thursday.

Tuesday night a professor panel will meet in the Science Auditorium at 7 p.m. to discuss "Using your Major in Ministry." The panel discussion will feature professors from different disciplines.

Professors will discuss ministry in their areas of study. Students will have the opportunity to interact with the panel and question assembled faculty members.

Wednesday and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Missions Fair will be held in the HUB's Lied Square and Multipurpose Room.

Representatives from local and international organizations will be available to share with students. Other missions-related events will take place throughout the week.

Leah Motz
Assistant copy editor

Over 150 Whitworth students, faculty and community members filled the Robinson Teaching Theatre last week for a faculty panel discussion on evolution.

Michael Le Roy, vice president of academic affairs, opened the conversation titled "Dean's Dialogue: A Conversation about Christianity and Evolution."

"Christians can think deeply and effectively on controversial subjects. They can disagree," Le Roy said. "The objective is to model intellectual conversation engaged in a very civil way on difficult matters."

Le Roy posed initial questions challenging the relationship between faith and evolution.

"I don't believe my faith and my understanding of God's creation provides me with any insight into human creation and evolution," Lyle Cochran, professor of math and science, said.

Cochran encouraged students to not let confusion over popular debates alter their faith.

"Don't get discouraged when you run into things you don't understand," Cochran said. "Don't let those things be a stumbling block for your faith."

Panel participants included Cochran, professor of biology Finn Pond, associate professor of biology Lee Chaney and Adam Neder, assistant professor of theology and philosophy. Assistant professor of physics Kamesh Sankaran was asked to join the panel after opening comments.

Each individual was given an opportunity to present their thoughts on evolution and its connection to Christianity.

Neder represented the single theologian in the panel. He presented his arguments from a faith-based foundation.

"Creation is a theological, not a scientific category. God created a real, not fake world," Neder said. "If we know anything about God it's because God has freely chosen



to reveal himself to us."

Kamesh contributed another scientific view with an explanation of the epistemologies and methods associated with science and technology.

"By its very nature science proceeds in infinite loops, constantly refining itself," Kamesh said. "All we're doing is, hopefully, coming up with better and better descriptions."

Pond, a biologist, shared his personal views on evolution and how they related to his faith.

"I believe the physical universe is created by God and is knowable by rational minds," Pond said. "You cannot simply ignore or dismiss the evidence."

Pond admitted that many things cannot be explained in scientific terms.

"There's a lot of things for which we don't have answers," he said. "But we do have scientific evidence for an evolutionary process that gave rise to human beings."

Chaney focused her introductory topics on urging students and individuals to engage in respectful debates to encourage discussion.

"A tendency that is typical of all of us to respond if someone disagrees with us to respond as if someone is making a personal attack on us," Chaney said. "I don't think those are helpful trends in discussions like this."

Le Roy commented on the hu-



Jessica Carrier Whitworthian

TOP: Professor of biology Finn Pond, associate professor of biology Lee Chaney, professor of math and science Lyle Cochran and professor of physics Kamesh Sankaran participate in a faculty panel last week.

ABOVE: Associate professor of biology Lee Chaney speaks at the faculty panel in Weyerhaeuser Hall last week.

mility shown by each panel member and their willingness to admit there are things they can't always understand or explain.

"There's always surprises and things I don't understand," Pond said. "It gives me a sense of humility. I don't know everything."

Other panel members shared the same sense of humility regarding their human capability.

After each panel participant had the opportunity to address an introductory question on faith and evolution, Le Roy acted as mediator and posed questions previously submitted by students.

Student reactions to the panel were mixed.

"I liked the discussion because I feel like I know some of our professors now, but I probably won't go next time unless there is extra credit involved," freshman Miranda Cosand said. "I bet I would have been way more interested if I had written a question and they answered it for me."

Michael Carlson, a senior religion and philosophy major, appreciated the variation of views presented by faculty.

"The forum was great. Though the entire panel was generally on the same page, they each had slightly different approaches and emphases," Carlson said. "Their insights were well-thought out."

Senior Torce Pfursich, an international business and business management major, stressed the importance of student attendance at such events.

"I think it's important that students attend these types of seminars to expand not only our thought horizons but also because being exposed to different ideologies shared from professors outside the classroom is a valuable learning tool students should take advantage of while they're still in school," Pfursich said.

Le Roy closed the panel with a word to audience and panel members.

"I'm humbled to have been with you," he said. "I think we've enriched, by this conversation, the intellectual climate."

Le Roy said the "Dean's Dialogue's" is held approximately once a semester to focus on controversial topics in an effort to enrich the intellectual climate and encourage discussion on campus.

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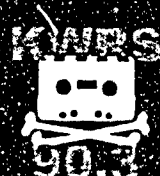
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had their books in their hands and the black sheep didn't have any books, but had on sunglasses, earphones, and was smoking a cigarette or a cigar. On the quote it said, 'there's one in every crowd,'" Orosco said.

McQuirter said she became upset upon seeing the picture.

"I looked at the picture, and I was just like 'I cannot believe this picture,'" McQuirter said. "So I took the picture and I tore it up."

Then the students found a picture of a Tibetan woman sticking her tongue out on another door. They removed it and searched Warren for more pictures.

"We went down every hallway in Warren and we found some other things that we felt were racially offensive," McQuirter said. "I was so out of it by then I just started tearing stuff down, whatever appeared to be offensive."

McQuirter said Orosco, Beatty and she went to Baldwin-Jenkins and continued to search for images they believed were offensive.

"We found pictures of BJ residences throwing up gang signs and they had on bandannas," McQuirter said. "They couldn't pull that stuff off in the inner city and I don't think they should be able to pull that off here."

McQuirter added if the students were doing that in an area where there were gang members they could get hurt.

Afterwards, they took all the pictures from BJ and Warren to Tyler Pau, residence director of Warren Hall.

Orosco said all three of them expressed their frustrations with Pau about why they took down the posters. She said Pau initially said he would look into the matter, but nothing has occurred to her knowledge.

"No closure was ever brought to us," Orosco said.

McQuirter also said she has not heard anything about the pictures or the incident from any administrator since she talked to Pau.

Pau was not available for comment.

"We don't know what is going on, or if students are being talked to, or if any kind of disciplinary actions have been taken, or any policy changes in the rap meetings have been done," Orosco said. "We don't know. We're just kind of wandering out there, left behind."

Associate dean of student life

Dick Mandeville said in a recent interview that he was not involved in the incident so he could not comment.

"My understanding is that some folks did speak with them initially and I'm not sure what has taken place since that time," Mandeville said.

Mandeville encouraged students to speak to someone in leadership if they still had concerns.

"I'd be happy to talk with anybody who is involved relative to [the incidents], or they can speak with the people they have spoken with at student life," Mandeville said.

McQuirter said it is the silence that follows these sorts of incidents that lead to the taking down of the posters.

"It's been four years. We've watched this stuff go on for so long. It was a build up of things," McQuirter said. "That's why I was able to engage in those activities that night."

There was a feeling of release, McQuirter said, but it was short-lived. Some of the students printed out the images and placed them on their doors again.

"We were hurting and other people were hurting and we didn't have a voice to say something," Orosco said. "This was our way of saying we're not going to stand for this anymore."

Orosco said she can not ask students to take down anything within the personal space of their room.

"But when you put it out in the hallway, you're putting it out for the community to see and have to live with and look at everyday," Orosco said.

Following the above incident, sophomore and cultural diversity advocate Jeremiah Sataraka ap-

proached freshman Alix Carlson about reposting the picture of the Tibetan woman on her door, Sataraka said.

Freshman Natalie Johnson and her roommate, Carlson, were looking for pictures of Tibetan clothing for the International Banquet when they came across the image of an elderly person sticking her tongue out, Johnson said. Carlson and Johnson were participants in the banquet.

"[We] got a good laugh out of it," Johnson said. "Alix likes to post jokes on our door a lot, so she printed it up and wrote 'My Roommate Natalie' on it."

Sataraka said he felt the picture

ONE OF THE 'OFFENDING' POSTERS



"My roommate Natalie"

Image courtesy of Alix Carlson

The image to the left is one of the pictures that led three minority students to tear down posters in Baldwin-Jenkins and Warren Halls last semester. Freshman Alix Carlson said she posted this picture with the title "My roommate Natalie" as a joke because both she and her roommate were involved in the International Banquet.

was being misused and decided to ask why the picture was titled "My Roommate Natalie."

"What I do know is that her roommate isn't Asian and this lady on the door is," Sataraka said. "I told her, 'you don't know the story behind this lady's picture. There is a better purpose for this picture to be used for than a little joke.'"

Carlson said she asked him if the picture was offensive.

"He said yes. He said that 'because the picture was of an Asian lady and I'm half Asian when I see her, I see my people,'" Carlson said.

Sataraka said he questioned why the picture was in a public place.

"After trying to explain to her in a calm way, she turns around and says 'I'm not going to accommodate my lifestyle to better yours' or something like that," Sataraka said.

Carlson said she did not see anything wrong in putting up the poster on her door and said she would not remove it.

Sataraka said he took this as a slap to the face.

"He told me that 'by keeping the poster up, it's like saying f*** you to me,'" Carlson said. "I ended the conversation after he started going off on me." Carlson said she went into her room and closed the door.

Sataraka said his emotions got the best of him and he decided to open the door.

"Not even a second later he threw open my door, slamming it hard against the closet, got nose to nose with me and started screaming at me with all of his might," Carlson said.

Sataraka said he left recognizing what he did was wrong.

"After I did that, I realized that I shouldn't have because that

wasn't the most effective way to handle the situation," Sataraka said.

Carlson said she locked her door and cried. She then called her parents, who told her to talk to Warren RD Tyler Pau.

Carlson said nothing was immediately done, which led her to contact her parents again.

"They called the dean of students and faxed a six page letter to my RD, the dean of students and the president," Carlson said.

Sataraka said, as a result of the incident, he was not allowed to enter Carlson's hallway.

Sataraka said Mandeville tried to remain neutral during his conduct meeting. Sataraka also said nothing has been mentioned about the incident to his knowledge to this date.

"I could have went to administration. This kind of stuff happens every day," Sataraka said. "I don't want to put full blame on administration because I could have done something positive to address the issue."

Sataraka said due to the stress of the end of the year and other factors, he did not pursue it at the time.

Mandeville said he could not comment on the specifics of this incident.

Several minority students went to the ASWC meeting on Dec. 5 to voice their concerns about students putting up racially offensive posters in residence dorm hallways.

At the meeting, Orosco recommended that ASWC members talk to residence assistants and resident directors about being more respectful, according to the ASWC minutes.

Executive Vice President Andrea Naccarato immediately told senators to speak with RAs to make them aware of the situation.

Intramural coordinator Eric Fredriksen said he felt he had to bring up the other side because a student had voiced she was upset about the incident over the weekend.

Many students were upset their personal property was taken down, Fredriksen said.

"You can't steal a person's personal property and talk to the RD," Fredriksen said. "It's very frustrating. You're just accelerating animosity on campus between all students."

Arend representative Joy Bacon expressed concerns she heard from another student that the minority students had not dealt with the situation in the best manner, according to the minutes.

The minority students at the meeting said they believed nothing had been accomplished.

"All I heard was just negativity," McQuirter said. "They were concerned about their property. They weren't concerned about why we did it."

Orosco said she felt the same.

"We were basically frustrated with everything," Orosco said. "We knew we weren't heard in there."

Orosco added that the issue goes deeper, and maybe not everyone can understand that.

President Bill Robinson said he believes the actions drew away the attention from the underlying issue.

"Sometimes the response to the act of incivility is incivility. And when that happens we lose focus on what is it that caused the incivility in the first place," Robinson said.

Arlin Migliazzo, professor of history, thinks communication is the key to solving conflicts like this.

"When there is a conflict, and if you come with an attitude of humility, wanting to learn, to take responsibility, try to not explain away the offending words or actions and talk directly to that person you hurt," Migliazzo said.

Sataraka said that if he had to do this again he would have handled it a different way.

"Logically, I wouldn't have been so angry. I would have been calm about it and I wouldn't have blown up like I did," Sataraka said.

Sataraka added that sometimes these occurrences need to happen because the issues die without having resolution.

"Something like this always happens and it's always quiet," Sataraka said.

— Jessica Davis contributed to this report

HPV: Sexual activity should not influence decision to get vaccine, Murray says

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Murray that sexual activity should not influence a woman's decision to get the vaccine.

"Even if you wait to have sex until marriage, HPV could still become an issue," Raborn said. "This is more of a personal safety issue than a moral issue."

Murray also urged women to continue getting annual Pap tests after receiving the vaccination.

Some students oppose the vaccine's availability on the Whitworth campus because it protects against strands of the infection that are only transmitted sexually.

"It's a double standard. The school has the Big Three policy, but by promoting this vaccine they seem to support that lifestyle," freshman Evie Gustafson said. "There are options off campus that aren't affiliated with Christian

organizations."

Other students welcome the vaccine.

"I thought it was a perfectly normal thing for a health center to offer. It's an issue a lot of women have to deal with," Fuentes said. "[Gardasil] is promoting a solution, not promiscuity."

The Spokane MERCK representative was not permitted by her company to comment on this story.

The vaccine entered the political arena with Texas governor Rick Perry's executive decision to require the vaccination for all girls entering sixth grade in the 2008-2009 school year. Many groups oppose the vaccine because of a fear of increased sexual activity among girls who receive the shots.

"People are making this a political football for their own benefit," Murray said.

Visiting assistant professor of psychology Andrea Donahoe said the vaccine should not

be required in public schools.

"Most required vaccines deal with social health risks and HPV isn't one," Donahoe said.

Raborn agrees.

"Making [Gardasil] mandatory is absolutely not the right choice," Raborn said.

Washington state governor Christine Gregoire requested funds to provide about 143,000 doses of Gardasil free of charge as an option for girls under the age of 18. The budget proposal is awaiting approval from state legislators.

Donahoe stressed that education is key to understanding the vaccine and its risks and benefits.

"Sexual health is something that healthy, mature adults need to be educated about whether they are sexually active or not," Donahoe said. "It's important for all of us to be educated about women's issues."

DEFINITION

Human papillomavirus

The name of a group of viruses. HPV has 100 different strains, 40 of which are sexually transmitted. Though most infections do not develop symptoms, some high-risk types cause abnormal Pap tests and can lead to cancer of cervix, vulva, vagina or penis. Low-risk types can cause milk abnormalities or genital warts. HPV is the most common STI, causing 20 million infections currently in the United States.

Information courtesy of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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IN THE LOOP

An editorial

HPV vaccine will help in the future

The governor of Texas issued a state-wide mandate last Friday requiring all girls entering the sixth grade to receive the new human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in order to attend school next year. This controversial mandate has raised ethical concerns across the United States as similar legislation seems to be on the brink of passing in at least 20 states.

In a Feb. 20 MSNBC.com poll 63 percent of Americans wanted to be able to choose whether their daughter should receive the vaccine, while only 34 percent agree a government mandate to receive the vaccine is necessary.

The reasoning for many is that the government cannot make a vaccine mandatory when infection is spread through sexual contact, not through casual contact like measles or mumps. By mandating the vaccine, opponents say, we are taking the child's health out of the parent's hands, giving it to the government and then forcing parents to pay for it.

Some conservatives claim that a drug eliminating a sexually transmitted infection like HPV is condoning sexual activity (even though the vaccine has nothing to do with birth control whatsoever).

Americans are squabbling over their right to refuse a vaccine that prevents four types of HPV that can lead to cervical cancer when many countries around the world are struggling to provide *any* medical care for their people. If a third world country was able to provide a medication that would eliminate 70 percent of all cervical cancer cases (or any other health problem, for that matter), they would do so in a heartbeat. In the United States we have the privilege to complain about such a luxury – so we do – and in turn we allow a preventable sexually transmitted infection to spread in our own country.

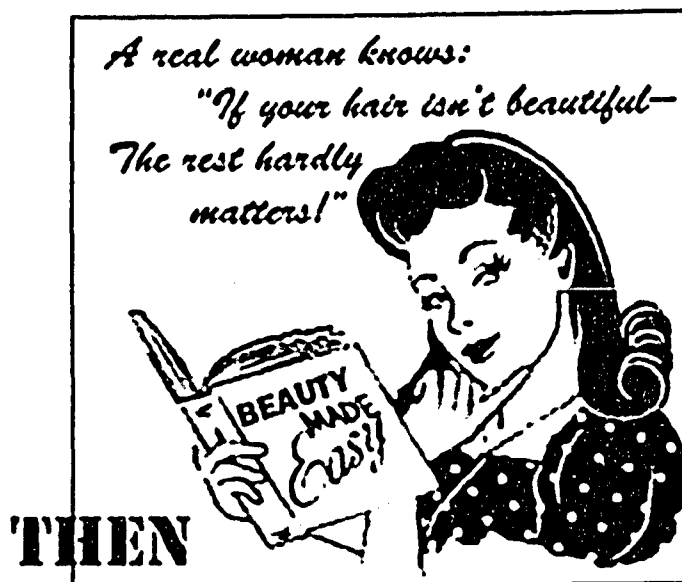
On top of this, Americans are extremely short-sighted in their view of their own health. If the vaccine is administered and eliminates HPV in the United States, health care costs in the future will be tremendously lowered. Care for women with cervical cancer will be substantially reduced and many cases of expensive cancer treatment will be averted because of the preventative vaccine.

Simply put, fewer patients in the hospital with long-term illnesses equals less money spent on health care related costs.

While the HPV craze might just be the latest health issue to capture the nation's interest, Americans cannot afford to shun lawmakers, like Texas's governor, who are looking out for the personal health of their constituents. The facts are outrageously simple. A vaccine has been developed that can prevent 70 percent of cervical cancer cases. Lawmakers aiming to eliminate HPV completely are taking the steps to administer the vaccine. Let it happen.

The Whitworth Health Center is offering the HPV vaccine for a reasonable price. Although the vaccine is not required for college students, the Health Center is doing the right thing in providing it for students who need or want it.

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We've come a long way, baby?

'There's a lot more to attraction than hair'



ERIKA PRINS
Writer

Britney Spears made the front page of the BBCNews' international news site almost every day last week. The breaking news? The newly divorced mother-of-two, who is seeking help for a drug addiction, shaved her head.

According to BBCNews, she grabbed the clippers from her hairdresser and started to buzz off her own hair.

My reaction? You go, Britney! It really takes ... *something*... for a pop star famous for her seductive, blonde locks to chop them off. Whatever was behind the drastic move, this girl clearly needed a change.

I soon found that I respected the move far more than the average bloke at Whitworth. Hearing some of the harsh criticisms of Britney's new haircut led me to launch a full-scale investigation of Whitworth students' opinions on the GI Jane 'do.

Being a free-spirited woman, I consider myself likely to pull a Britney. Given my own propensity to with away my hair, my boyfriend, freshman undeclared major Peter Labberton (yes, I'm a cradle robber ... so sue me) seemed like an appropriate interviewee.

He sees females shaving their heads as, "sort of a rejection of the typical female appearance." He agreed that buzz-cut women can be attractive, but when I inquired how he would feel about me shaving my head, I had him trapped. (mwahaha!)

"What kind of question is that?" he asked, and after a long pause he added, "I'd rather you not ... I find you attractive as is." Good save, Boyfriend. (Afterwards, he nervously asked me if I really was considering shaving my head. Tee hee.)

Peter's response to my strategically evil questions brings up a very important point: Our society clearly hails long, shiny Pantene Pro-V commercial hair as a symbol of femininity. A woman with a shaved head is often characterized as "butch" or a lesbian. Two of my seven interviewees (one

male and one female) said when they first see a woman with a shaved head, they assume she is undergoing chemotherapy.

"She has cancer. That's the first thing I think of when someone shaves their head. Or military. Or they really had a bad haircut," said senior business management major Amber Matthai. "I don't think that they'd purposely shave their head for no reason."

"Honestly? Lesbian," said another female interviewee, who asked to remain anonymous.

According to a BBCNews article on Britney and other famous buzz-cut women, long hair on women

dates back to caveman (and, I would assume cavewoman) days when long hair was something for babies to hang on to. For whatever reason, long hair on women seems to have been popular around the world for quite some time.

Luckily, though, we've moved beyond needing long hair for any sort of practical child-bearing-related reasons. This would lead me to assume that women are pretty much free to do whatever they want with their hair ... so why is a shaved head still taboo?

Perhaps women don't shave their heads because men prefer women with long hair (or at least *some* hair). According to the BBCNews article, long, shiny hair indicates availability, youth and health. Women seem to be valued in society primarily as they relate sexually to men, (how many famous women can you think of who are fat and hideous?) so women hesitate to make bold moves outside of the social norms that our male-dominated society has defined for them. I mean, how many little girls want to grow up and be just like Rosie O'Donnell?

Sophomore journalism major Dane Ueland thinks guys prefer long hair on women because otherwise they resemble men too much.

"Men go bald, and maybe [long hair] is like our sure bet that at least our woman won't go bald. [Women

with shaved heads] look like dudes sometimes. It seems like the look can take away the femininity," said Ueland.

Senior philosophy major Emily Hurianek agrees that long hair on women is associated with femininity.

"I do think people tend to equate long hair with a sort of female suppleness. Long hair seems to be something a woman can use to be provocative and say 'I am a woman,'" said Hurianek.

Hurianek shaved her head before leaving for the 2005 British Isles study tour. She did not have cancer. She is not in the military. She is not a lesbian.

"I was going to be traveling for three months with one bag and did not feel like shampoo and a hairbrush were a priority ... and wanted to focus more on my experience than my hairdo," Hurianek said.

The T.A. for the trip, Jake Rorem, had a similar "hair philosophy," and yet only Hurianek's hairdo was called into question.

"I guess there were some assumptions that I was militant in nature or that I was making a statement when it was mostly practical in nature," Hurianek said.

I have to admit, I was frustrated to hear how judgmental people at Whitworth seem to be about women choosing an unorthodox hairdo. After a long week of hearing people tell me hair is central to femininity, I was stoked by one of my last interviews. Freshmen political studies major Jarett Hancock and undecided major Tom Langeloh agreed that such an out-of-the-ordinary move begs the question "why?" Still, they emphasized, a hairdo does not make a woman.

"There's a lot more to attraction than hair," said Hancock.

"Put that in there. Girls, there's more to attraction than hair," agreed Langeloh.

Word.

"Our society clearly hails long, shiny Pantene Pro-V commercial hair as a symbol of femininity."

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Zoning proposal dumps dorm unity

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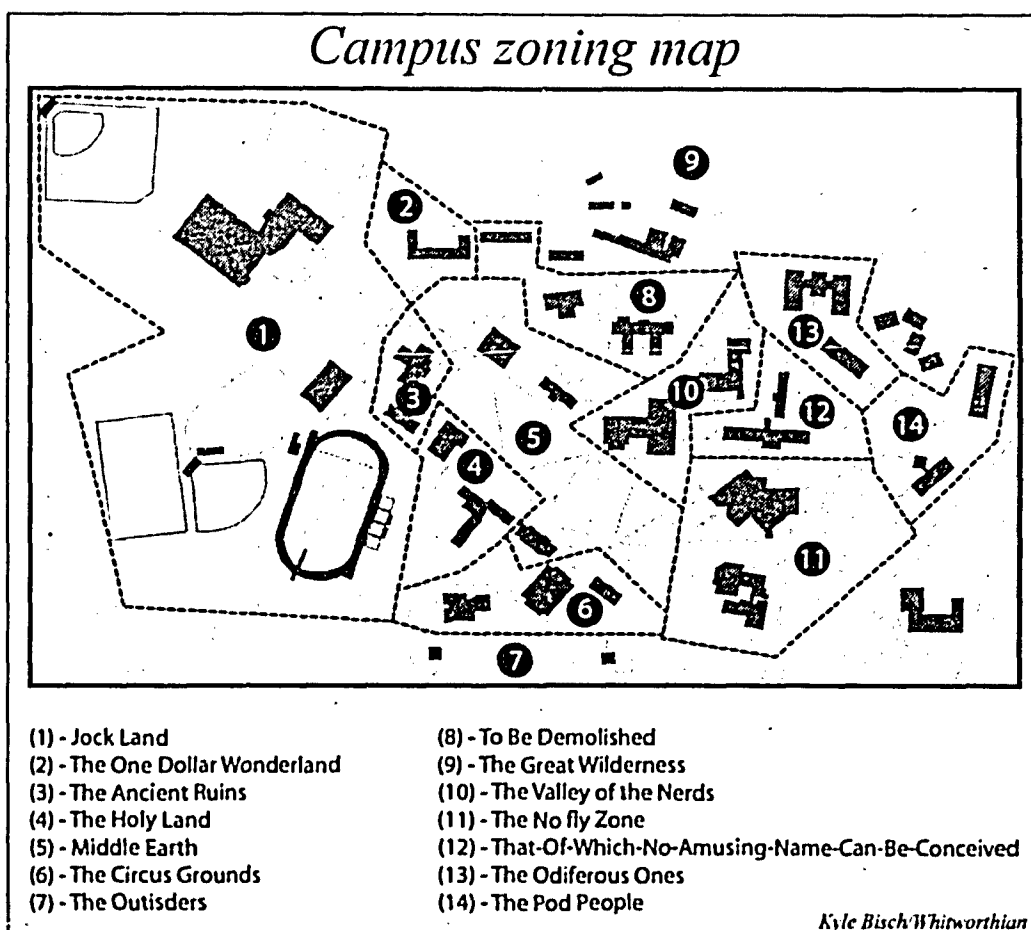
When the proposed changes to the ASWC constitution were brought to the students, they came to Mac, Ballard and Schumacher in the form of a flyer marked "Mandatory BSchMac Meeting Monday the 26th," taped on every resident's door. Add to this a number more of these flyers on every bulletin board or any other easily visible place and you have an accurate view of just how imperative the BSchMac community feels it is for every resident to understand just what the constitutional changes would mean.

There are three distinct proposals to vote on, but the most controversial is proposal number two. This proposal deals with the re-zoning of the representational structure of the campus. It is so controversial a Facebook event, entitled "Vote No on Proposal Number Two on the ASWC constitution," has been created to voice concerns with the proposal. The event has over fifty attendees with a number of undecided.

The basic premise is that the current method of representation is too large so steps need to be taken to reduce it. These steps would eliminate the senator position, and instead set up representatives for each zone. So in BSchMac instead of there being a senator acting on behalf of each dorm, there will be only one representative for the entire zone. The net result is a downsize from the staggering 18 voting members of ASWC to a much more moderate 13.

This creates a few problems which arise from there being an entirely different spirit in Mac than that of the only-women's dorms. The only suggested alternative to this would be for Mac to be separate and for Schumacher and Ballard halls to be lumped together under one rep in order to preserve the ability of that rep to correctly relay the views of the constituency. The problem is that Ballard and Schumacher feel very little sense of community.

As one Ballard resident puts it, "no matter what they [the ASWC] say, the dynamics be-



tween BSchMac will be changed — how can someone who doesn't live in a dorm accurately represent it?"

In the flyer handed out at the informational meeting had a few "pros and cons" in considering the zone proposal. While the pros are iffy at best ("students forced to think about who they want to represent them" as if students don't under the current system) the cons are weighty and warrant careful review. One con is the concern that there will be a decrease in overall representation. After all, less is more and the fewer representatives per capita the better.

Another concern is that there will be an increased responsibility to some representative positions. This responsibility is expected to be partially shouldered by the Resident Assistants. Don't you think the RAs have enough on their hands what with dealing with full time classes and their unruly residents? And if the senators/representatives are supposed to take on more

responsibilities by taking on more constituents, how are they supposed to maintain the current quality of programs? Is it even their job to take charge of programs?

These concerns, along with the matter of fewer helpers in ASWC-sponsored programs and the logistical problems of the grouping of the same-sex dorms indicate that there is no need to change this aspect of the constitution now.

While it is true that as Whitworth grows and new dorms are built and more students enrolled there will be a need for strategic representation, those days are far off and may not even come to pass. All things considered, the students voting on this matter would do well to consider the old adage — if it's not broken, don't fix it.

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By the NUMBERS

Race in the United States

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According to the 2000 United States census, approximately 30 percent of the population belongs to a racial or ethnic minority group.

24.4

Twenty-four point four percent of all 18 to 24-year-old blacks were enrolled in college in 1984.

31.8

Thirty-one point eight percent of all 18 to 24-year-old blacks were enrolled in college in 2004.

49.3

Forty-nine point three white Americans ages 20 to 21 were enrolled in college in 2004.

40.0

Forty percent of blacks ages 20 to 21 were enrolled in college in 2004.

90.7

Ninety point seven of all students enrolled in public colleges and universities in the United States in 1970 were white.

76.7

Seventy-six point seven percent of all students enrolled in public colleges and universities in the United States in 2004 were white.

29

Twenty nine percent of all white children ages three to five can recognize the 26 letters of the alphabet.

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Twenty four percent of all black children ages three to five can recognize the 26 letters of the alphabet.

Compiled by Leah Motz

Information courtesy of:
U.S. Census Bureau
U.S. Department of Education

Abstinence-only education impractical in today's world

Nichole Betts
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Starting in third grade, my classmates and I participated in Human Growth and Development, i.e., Sex Ed. This fun little exercise involved splitting up the boys and girls into separate classrooms and talking about the rather specific anatomies of both sexes. We even talked about where babies come from, a topic most parents avoid and some Whitworth students might need to brush up on.

As my classmates and I matured, the topics of our sessions, now part of health class, increased in intensity and culminated with the STI slide show during our sophomore year of high school, complete with color photos. Talk about scare-tactics. What a treat to see a man's penis covered with little cauliflower things. My point is, I think it scared us just enough.

Comprehensive sexual health education works. Period.

Critics who support abstinence-only education can't ignore the statistics. A report issued by Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Calif.) in 2004 shows that 11 out of 13 of the most commonly used abstinence-only-until-marriage curricula contain medical misinformation, use fear and shame, and falsify statistics about the effects abortion has on future

pregnancies. Much of the reviewed curricula also attempts to discourage young people's confidence in relying on contraception by distorting information about its effectiveness.

Researchers from Columbia and Yale Universities have even found that youth who make virginity pledges have more oral and anal sex and use contraception less effectively than those who do not make the pledge.

That's right; virginity pledges increase your chances for pregnancy.

This is not the kind of education that gives children useful facts about sex. Two-thirds of abstinence-only programs receiving funding from the Department of Health and Human Services use this flawed curriculum to educate roughly one-third of public school children each year. That's over 30 percent of kids being educated with falsified information in preparation for adulthood.

There would be fewer infections and unplanned pregnancies



Nichole's CORNER

AN HONEST
DISCUSSION ABOUT
YOUR SEXUAL
HEALTH

Three couples I know got married while attending Whitworth because of unplanned pregnancies. Another three couples got pregnant in their first year of marriage without planning it. Luckily, these 12 people have the support of their friends and families and are adjusting well to life with children.

People think, "It won't happen to us. We don't have sex." But when couples do everything *but* have sex, it's not so far fetched to think, "Just this once, it won't matter. What are the chances?"

Whoops! You should have spent that extra \$5 on condoms instead of a venti latte. Now it's time to save money to buy Pampers instead of having a caffeine fix. It only takes one time,

nationwide if comprehensive sexual health education was mandated by the government. Unfortunately, "Bushie" seems uncomfortable with the idea of pre-marital sex, so let's just avoid the whole subject, right? This isn't something that affects people I know, right?

Wrong.

honey.

This is exactly why I think some Whitworth students would benefit from a bit more information, even if they had sex-ed in high school.

One night of unprotected sex could turn out to be a lifetime of being a parent a few years sooner than planned.

Fortunately, the Health Center is a great resource for information on contraceptives and how to protect yourself against infections. Their services are listed on the Health Center Web site but they have the capability to test and treat almost any illness. If they don't have what you need, they know who does. All you have to do is ask them.

If you're a bit too shy to go in, the Health Center is hosting a Health and Wellness Fair this Friday, March 9, where a women's health specialist will be participating.

If you're still too shy to walk through the HUB, e-mail your questions to me and I'll find an answer for you. If I use your question in a column, your name won't be used and you'll be helping me inform your fellow students about an issue they might be wondering about as well.

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HUMOR COLUMN

Kitties and horsies are NOT man's best friends

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It's not that I hate animals. It's that animals hate me.

Maybe it's that they can sense evil. For whatever reason, whenever I'm around, cats hiss, dogs growl, seals bark, fish swim upside down and cows oink. (Cows aren't the smartest creatures in the Animal Kingdom).

"But animals are so cute and huggable and wuvable," your well thought-out, thoroughly researched reply goes.

Yeah, but do you know what would make them even cuter?

Having a soul.

Call me soulcentric, but I just can't respect any entity that lacks one. I feel the same way about kitchen appliances and Hillary Clinton.

And like Clinton, animals only get stronger from your fear.

Horses are the worst. They look all nice and friendly and glittery on My Little Pony lunch pails, but up close? Their coal black eyes can pierce your soul and their flared nostrils could easily swallow your head whole. They have the rippling chiseled muscles of a Jose Conseco on steroids. Well, more steroids.

When I listen closely I can hear the horse whisper in his gravelly baritone, "Hello, Daniel. Pretty nice fingers you've got there. Shame if something were to ... happen to them." The horse chomps his gleaming teeth, as if at an invisible fly. "Who they gonna believe? The 'humor columnist' who can't even play Ultimate Frisbee, or the talking horse? Gee, Mr. Inspector, his fingers looked so much like carrots I just couldn't tell the difference. Now gimme some sugar cubes before I do to you what I did to Christopher Reeves."

Woah, Horsie! You don't joke about things like that!

Horses can be so insensitive.

There is no doubt several girls reading this column right now absolutely infuriated. They LOVE horses. They draw them on graphing paper during Core and have their room covered in horse posters with Mr. Ed's autograph and put horsey-sauce on everything and daddy bought them a carousel with real live horses and-

You don't dare interrupt them because a HorsieGirl (not to be confused with a Ponyboy) is not to be crossed. They'll stick to their horses like glue. Make them angry and you could wake up to find a severed cow head in your bed.

But even a HorsieGirl can't match the passion reserved for cats and dogs. Where do you side on the Manichean battle between canine and feline, good and evil?

My objective analysis of the disgusting worthless vile nature of cats has nothing to do the rather trivial fact that I happen to be allergic to them. True, I once fell asleep on a couch liberally garnished with cat dander. When I woke up, my eyes were the size of grapefruits and just as juicy. My skin was the color of a sunburnt Elmo. My breathing sounded like Darth Vader got the wind knocked out of him. And from that day forward, I couldn't play sports, shattering my dreams of NFL glory.

But my frail, asthmatic, near-sighted, eczema-ridden body doesn't

hold a grudge against cats. It just sees them for what they are: preening, arrogant and lazy. (Source: Jim Davis) Cats think they're the boss of you with their fancy-shmancy feeding bowls and lavish scratching posts and swanky sand-bathrooms.

They think they're invincible when at any moment an errant garage door could squish 'em flatter than a McDonald's hamburger patty. (Note: Do not mention this to my mom. She's still sensitive about the incident.)



I, on the other hand, keep a Schrödinger's box on hand for whenever I need a pick-me-up.

Yeah, you could say I'm more a "dog-person."

Dogs are noble, loyal and epically stupid. They perform useful

tasks like saving hikers in avalanches, playing basketball and peeing on things that need peed on. Web sites abound with stories of dogs saving their owners by diving through fiery infernos, fighting off bears and staying behind to manually detonate the nuke on a comet plummeting toward earth. A dog will stay up all night if he needs to, protecting his master with a vigil of ceaseless barking — warning of devilish squirrels, deadly fireworks and any other dog within a 12-block radius.

True, cats may occasionally sacrifice their own well-being to protect their owner from the dangers of Christmas tinsel. Cats do have their purposes. You may need them to clean out an infestation of rebellious, motorcycle-riding mice. Single thirty-something women need them to be reminded of their crushing loneliness. Generally, however, cats spend most of their time sleeping, stretching, and trying to suffocate their owners in their sleep.

Dog, however, is man's best friend. (Well, technically, for me it's Erik Solberg, a guy I went to high school with. But dog comes in close second.) They'll clean your toilet. They'll bury your keys so you don't endanger your life by driving. They'll leave you a thoughtful surprise present for when you're mowing the lawn.

This last summer, my brother got a dog as a reward for wearing down my parents over five long years. A testament to tenacity, to dogged persistence. For several months we searched for the perfect canine companion. It had to bark only when spoken to, smell of fresh potpourri and never ever poop.

We finally settled on an Australian Shepherd named Boone. Boone is short for either "Boone Dog Saint" or "Booney McBoondoggle." While I was skeptical of the dog at first, his wagging tail and giddy personality won me over. This made it all the more difficult when I had to take him out behind the shed where the red fern grows and shoot him as a punishment for getting rabies.

Why?! Boone's desperate eyes begged.

My only answer was the resounding echo of the gunshot and the splash of a single tear.

The procedure for shooting cats is far simpler. Instead of an arduous lead-up rife with guilt and sorrow, it only involves a single word.

"Pull!"

"The Varnished Truth" is a humor column by Daniel Walters. Walters is a junior majoring in Communications. Direct all comments and ideas to dwalters08@whitworth.edu

Opinions

I am addicted like you

SARA
MOREHOUSE
Writer



Hello, I'm Sara, and I'm a work-peoplepleaser-aholic. I am addicted to working hard and making

people happy/like me. When life gets me down, I do more, more fervently. I smile more. I get busy so I can forget. I try to relieve others' burdens so they can be content and, consequently, like me. (I am currently up late because I want to write a good article and I want you to like it and me.)

The motivation behind these "addictions" is pretty simple. If I can keep it all together within myself then I know that something in the world is O.K. My exertions, my emotions and usually your Like-o-Meter are all things that I can control. Of course, these patterns of mine can slip or can be put aside for a bit, but in a tight spot, I most often turn to them.

Everyone is addicted to something. Yes, even you, my friend. (We're friends now, right?) Anyone who is alive in this world needs some way to cope. And I'm not picking on things that make us happy, like ice cream and sunshine and puppies and clean underwear. Those and countless other things bring smiles to our faces all the time. I am talking about patterns, habits, things we do to reassure ourselves that we have a handle on things.

Last week was National Eating Disorders Week, bringing the realization of just one of these practices that plague us to campus attention. The sheets over the mirrors in the HUB bathrooms sure got my attention, and it got me thinking about body image, anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive overeating ... but mostly, I thought about the people with those diseases and how much I was like them.

Sure, magazines and the media suck. Whether imposed from without or within, women feel pressure to look like Barbie. But what is the real deal? At the body image panel last Wednesday, Spokane-area counselor Patty Waller said that the physical aspect of eating disorders is only a part of it; most of what is going on is on the inside. Eating disorders are a way of trying to control one's life, to dull

problems, like video game obsession, compulsive spending, oversleeping, or what have you. As is true with all of us; inner turmoil is released through our own personal, regulated survival skills.

So why did I go from "everyone has struggles" to examining eating disorders? Because we are all in this together. People with eating disorders hurt and fight and deal and crumble just like all of us. (Don't misunderstand; I do realize that eating disorders are diseases and anyone who has concerns about themselves or others in this area should contact the Whitworth Health Center and Counseling Services at extension 3259.)

All my jabber is to get us to realize that eating disorders are not "worse" or "better" ways of coping. They are, however, dangerous and destructive in their own right. And everyone who says, "I don't have a problem" while thinking that eating disorders are "crazy" or "weird" nullifies the love and care we say we have for a friend with an eating disorder.

True love is patient when it knows that a friend is lying about how much food was eaten. It is kind when a family member is in denial about an obsession with diet. It keeps no record of minutes in the fitness center without a meal. "It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres" (1 Cor. 13:7 NIV). And again it comes down to the Golden Rule; love those with eating disorders as you want to be loved in your sickness.

If you're like me, you don't understand how an eating disorder could be lived out. But in our judgmental recoil from eating disorders, are we overlooking our own form of addiction? I know I live out mine every day. I may not be bingeing and purging, starving or gorging myself, but I am still up late working and I will get up and work early tomorrow without enough sleep and I will give all my effort at work to get the job done so my boss will be happy and like me and, for another day, my life will be under control. And I still want you to like my story.

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The dissonance we teach

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SANFORD
Writer



In public school we teach kids they evolved, they are a product of their environment and everything is relative. But, when they grow up, we punish them for insider trading, schmoozing with lobbyists, playing at politics, and fixing the books Enron style.

Such cultural dissonance is unjust. We teach survival of the fittest and then tell the powerful that they can't survive that way because it isn't fair to the unfit. We teach that we're determined by our genetics and by how we are raised, and then we punish people for turning out "bad," even though they don't have a choice. We frown on what we claim as unethical, seconds after we insist there's no objective standard by which to define ethics. No wonder we're so confused.

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Fourteen people were charged on Thursday with insider trading. The Feds were happy that they made such a large bust. The ring made almost 15 million dollars and the ringleaders worked hard for it. They were like a spy movie. They used disposable cell phones and secret codes to hide their identities.

The ring knew it was facing punishment — the very public indictment against Martha Stewart could not have been far from their minds. But the fact that the ring could be punished is a hypocrisy the Securities and Exchange Commission needs to consider in light of preserving their credibility.

The SEC is part of the same government to which the Department of Education belongs. These two parts need to be consistent with each other to ensure a just government. One would not consider it just if the INS were to open our borders but

the border patrol shot people for crossing in the United States. In the same way, it is not fair if the Department of Education teaches students that to survive they must be strong, but the SEC punishes those same people for succeeding at expense of the weak.

Whether evolutionary theory is accurate, or whether B.F. Skinner and Richard Dawkins are wrong, is not the issue here. The issue is the ethics taught by the government to American children need to be the same ethics by which American adults are punished. Teach evolution, by all means, but don't punish adults for living evolutionarily. Teach students they have no free will, that their personalities and weaknesses and propensities are innate or ingrained by conditioning, but don't punish them for the adult into whom they develop.

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Sounding Board

Question of the week

Q: Why do students tune out national political events?

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Opinions

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: "Being non-Christian does not mean being 'lost'"

Christianity couldn't answer

Countless hours of Christian school education, mission trips, and Whitworth's failed attempt at shoving cookie cutter Calvinist theology down my throat ... really led to my similar dismantling. And boy did it feel refreshing. I have always asked questions — and fundamentally that made me feel like the biggest outsider beneath the pinecone curtain. It also made me feel the strongest. Only after I graduated did I realize that my transcendentalist habits had some foundation.

I'm glad you spoke up.

Crystal Bryan
Whitworth Class of 2006

Christ's love is bigger than us

I'm writing this because of the incredible love that I have for my Father in Heaven, for the amazingly blessed relationship that I have with Him, for the unwavering love that He has shown me and for the damage that has been inflicted to your own relationship with Him.

It is amazing to me to see the terrible effects that the church has had on the world around us. I've taken history classes — both Biblical and secular — and seen the stages of atrocities that people commit in the name of God. The amazing thing is that these same events happen time and time again throughout the Old Testament. Just a simple study on the history of the Israelites shows that they were some messed up people. But the important thing to note is that every time they were doing something terrible and wrong, they were in complete disobedience of God's orders. In the same way, I think, God loves the Christians of the world today, just as He loves all His children, but I would have to say He is constantly shaking His head at the lack of love that they have for everyone else.

I think you would be surprised to see just how many Christians there are in the world who are equally as fed up with the church as you are. The truth is, amidst all of the confusion of church politics (of which I have had to deal with far more than I could ever have wanted) there is a single solid truth that runs through the core of Christianity, and that is found in the root of its very name. I'm sure you know where I'm going with this but, in all honesty, the one truly important thing — THE only important aspect of Christianity — is Christ.

God loves us. Every one of us. And as Christians we are called to reflect that same love onto the world. The very word means "like Christ." But as you said, the church has proven itself, just as the Israelites before them, to be terrible representatives of the incredible loving God whom they claim to serve.

I can truly honestly understand your rejection of the church and its warped doctrine and confused portrayal of its own flavor of God. The Bible has been twisted time and time again to belittle, attack and enslave. It really is a sad state of affairs, especially since this, as you said, is the very antithesis of God.

I think the fault, though, is not in Christianity, but rather in the people who claim to represent it. Christ's life and ministry was 100 percent love-based. In every single parable and miracle and allegory and speech, Christ showers the love of God down onto the people He encounters. We, as Christians, are called to replicate that in every aspect of our lives. But instead you see the "Christians" standing on street corners with signs saying "God hates gays" and "Turn or burn" each with its own misquoted, misrepresented Bible verse to back it up. It honestly makes me sick.

But that's how sin works. That's how the Devil works. Touchy subject for most, I know, but he is just as Biblically real as God is so denying his existence and influ-

ence is honestly just a naivety that Christians need to get over. Why would Satan waste his time corrupting people that don't give a rip about God? They're already dead. No, no, no — his target is the very base that is meant to represent his ultimate enemy. Think of it, if he can make God look like the bad guy, who will go to Him? I think that's the trap that you've fallen into now as well. The Christian population as a whole has been so perverted by its own delusion of self-righteousness that it's giving God a bad name. But really, God is being completely misrepresented.

If you notice, in Jesus ministry, the ONLY time He ever really gets pissed off at people is when He's talking to the religious people of the time — the people who are supposed to know God — the ones that are supposed to get it. But they are the ones screwing everything up. I think if Jesus were to come today, He would be preaching against the church as well. He would be telling them to stop being so stupid and actually live out the message that they are trying to beat into other peoples' heads. Christ spent His entire life helping people, healing people, loving people — but Christians (as a whole) can't seem to figure that out.

So I really want to just encourage you in this obviously difficult time. I really encourage you to really dive into the Word of God and hear His side of the story before turning from Him. You've seen the way His people act in His name, but He's standing there with open arms saying, "That's not me, Erika. That's not me. My people are good people. They want to love me. They want to serve me. But as hard as they try and no matter how many times I remind them, they just don't seem to get it." I encourage you to study and pray rigorously. Listen to what God has to say about Himself, and I know that you'll find that loving, gracious wonderful God that you know is there, even when His people don't show it.

People screw up. People do bad things. But God is always good. Please don't judge Him because of them.

Mike McLean
Folsom, Calif.

Worldview not an absolute

Recently, I have been going through a strong doubting of the objective truth. I have arrived at the conclusion that no objective truth really exists, especially after consulting some philosophers (mainly Immanuel Kant) on the subject. It makes sense not just because Kant says it, but because that is my experience as well. There are myriad discrepancies between different sects of Christianity, and many other religions. Today, someone asked me if I would consider myself a Christian, and I did not know how to answer. My entire life before coming to Whitworth was based on Christianity. Now, looking back on all of the fallacies I have encountered on this campus and in other Christian situations, I cannot presume to know where the supposed loving Christianity of my idealistic youth ran off to.

One of the main catalysts for the dismay I find with institutions like Whitworth is an occurrence that happened when I started questioning Christianity and stopped going to church. I would go to Sunday brunch at Saga in my pajamas, amongst people who had just come back from church. I felt their eyes on my sweatshirt and pajama pants, almost immediately condemning me for not having church-clothes on. I might have been exaggerating, but I felt judged. So since the beginning of these events, I have tried to look past the institutions of Christianity and started to find out what I truly believe, distant from any absolute authority.

I am working on my worldview paper for Core 350 right now, and I had no idea what I would "classify" myself as for the assignment, so I conversed with my discussion group leader about it. After chatting for a bit, we both came to the conclusion that my worldview was extremely complex. I do not fit in any one place, and I assume most people do not as well, but my main disdain with institutions or groups is their sometimes strong unwillingness to accept differences. Prejudice is not dead, no matter how much we try to convince ourselves that it

is. In Core 350, the class was asked why we thought it was important that worldviews outside of Christianity are studied, and a pathetic one person answered. My challenge to most Whitworth students is to embrace views outside your own, even if (or, especially if) you do not agree with them. In taking the time to study what you believe you are not, you might be surprised at what you find that is analogous to your own worldview. The only conclusion possible from studying different points of view that I have come up with is that it will ultimately strengthen your worldview.

As I continue in my mistrust of authority and other questions, I am learning to reconcile my new conclusions with the thoughts of my past. I might drop some old ideas and add some new ones, but it is a much stronger worldview in the end. Sometimes I feel weighed down by thoughts of what I "should" do, rather than what I truly believe. But I fare forward. It is in the nature of a worldview to be ever-changing, and if it is not constantly being challenged and re-worked, it would be a rigid and frightening thing to behold.

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Senior
English

Christ a savior who doesn't fail

I want to applaud the Whitworthian on printing the opinion piece in the 2/27 edition written by Erika Prins titled "Being non-Christian does not mean being 'lost'." Although I disagree with her conclusions I believe the questions Erika raises are questions that all individuals ultimately need to deal with and subsequently answer.

As a parent of two Whitworth students, I know both of them had to answer these same questions in their own lives. As a parent I certainly hoped that the faith my life exhibited helped direct this search — and yet ultimately I knew it was up to them to decide the basis for their life values and the ultimate decision of whether to trust Jesus Christ as their savior. Theological arguments aside, this decision is one that faces every person — and the question remains what will you decide.

Erika's decision was interesting as her basis for that decision — not believing there is a God (i.e. agnostic) — was based on her individual experiences. I don't want to doubt the significance and subsequent hurt, frustration, confusion, or even anger that she felt from those experiences, but to base such a life-changing and life-shaping decision on mere experience, and subsequent feelings from those experiences, is not only flawed but dare I say, shallow.

Reading this opinion piece I found it interesting that Erika was very clear in relating the reason why she rejected Christianity as a truth. Christians fail, the church fails, and yes, even Christian colleges fail. Her details relating such failures only emphasis further the need for a Savior who doesn't fail. This aside, Erika's essay deals solely with the failures of Christians and Christianity as a whole around which her decision was made. The question Erika didn't answer — and to be intellectually honest with herself, and her readers, she must answer — what truth did agnosticism offer that convinced her to reject the biblical truths of Christianity? To put it simply (very simply), it is not sufficient to decide to buy a Toyota truck only because you don't like the Chevy you currently have. Sure, there may be some influence if the Chevy is breaking down time and again, but if you don't look into the performance records and reliability of the Toyota truck you are about to buy, your decision will more than likely be a disappointing one. Again, if it is simply 'truth by default' then Erika's decision is shortsighted. One can't make such a significant decision (yes, even eternal significance) based on how her ex-boyfriend was treated by her church. The stakes are too high!

I am sure Erika is an intelligent student. I would encourage Erika, or an others that may have come to similar conclusions, to be honest with themselves by setting aside feelings sparked by bad experiences

or insensitivities and do some research. It doesn't mean that you totally discount such experiences and feelings, just don't allow yourself intellectually to be manipulated by them. Look at what the Bible really says about God, His character as revealed in the Old Testament and His plan for redemption and eternal life through Jesus Christ as exposed in the New Testament. Then compare that against the philosophies of the agnostic. At that time if your conclusions are the same, then at least you have been intellectually honest with yourself.

By the way, my bet is on God ... oh, and on the Chevy!

Randy Gerig
Whitworth parent
Littleton, Colo.

Re: "Ring by spring"

Pounder's not the bad guy

The opinions article written by Peter Burke this last week on Pounder's Jewelry and their contest was out of line and out of context.

First of all, it is not a competition between Gonzaga and Whitworth; the contest was designed for Eastern, Gonzaga and Whitworth individually with a grand prize awarded to each school, with a total of three winners. Therefore Pounder's did not single out Whitworth, or "capitalize on the Ring by Spring phenomenon to make a quick buck."

An interview with the owners of Pounder's would have been appropriate. Instead, Peter made his own assumptions as to why the jewelers created the contest. Peter would have found out the main reason behind the contest: To have guys step up to the plate and make proposals romantic and special.

As the writer says, plenty of people get married each year. Why not give one of them the opportunity to get a free ring? I see no problems with that. In no way are they putting "pressure on college students to get married even if they are not mentally and emotionally ready." They are simply an honest jeweler being helpful.

It is unfortunate that Peter took his frustrations about Whitworth culture out on a local business. They tried to do the Spokane college community a favor, and in return are attacked. This article was not fact-based and has more venting than good points. Next time write an opinions article with research and professionalism.

Ryan Kristin
Senior
Business Management and Marketing

Re: "Black history is more than just a month"

Core history made by whites

Erika, I know this may come as a shock to you but Core is based off of a Western perspective because you live in a "Western" country. Our Western civilization was built off of Greek, Roman and Hebrew roots. Our country is a pluralistic society. I'm not saying that blacks haven't contributed greatly to our political freedom and culture, but I think you forget that you go to Whitworth which is a Christian college founded by a Protestant missionary. When you learn about the history of Christianity in Core there will be a "Western" interpretation of that history. I'm not trying to marginalize minority group's contributions, but when teaching history our western civilization has been influenced more by white European males than it has by other minority groups. Black history month shows how much blacks have contributed to the spirit of America, but trying to apply this to readings in Core is ridiculous.

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Senior
History & International Business

NATIONAL EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK

Student leaders sponsor dialogue about body image

Linda Poort
Staff writer

Some people are happy with the way they look, while others spend hours in front of the mirror.

How often do you think about what you eat? How often do you think about how you look? And do these two things always go together?

The National Eating Disorders Awareness Week raised a lot of questions.

The goal of the week is to teach U.S. citizens that while every person is different because of their genetics, everyone is beautiful in their own way.

This inspired Katrina Golden, resident director of Stewart, Boppell and Tiki, and five resident assistants from various dorms to set up some on-campus events on eating disorders and body image.

"We wanted to have on-campus events during this national week that would be non-threatening for students to attend, so we brainstormed ideas that would raise dialogue in a safe environment," Warren RA Janae Brewster, one of the initiators, said.

The meeting in Boppell Lounge last Monday night was for sharing ideas and thoughts about body image. The documentary "Thin" awoke emotions and gave the students much to think and discuss about.

For instance, the women featured in the documentary viewed themselves as fat, even though they weighed less than 90 pounds.

"Many who struggle with eating disorders can feel very alone and ashamed because they think a Christian wouldn't have an eating disorder," Brewster said. "The other problem is that people are unaware that there are eating disorders, thinking that because Whitworth is a Christian college, eating disorders don't exist."

One student commented that we are all insecure about how we look, but it's important for Christians to remember they're perfect in God's eyes.

Those attending the meeting concluded that everyone is great the way they are. As long as they eat healthy and exercise sometimes, they should be happy about themselves.

The overall response to the meeting was positive.

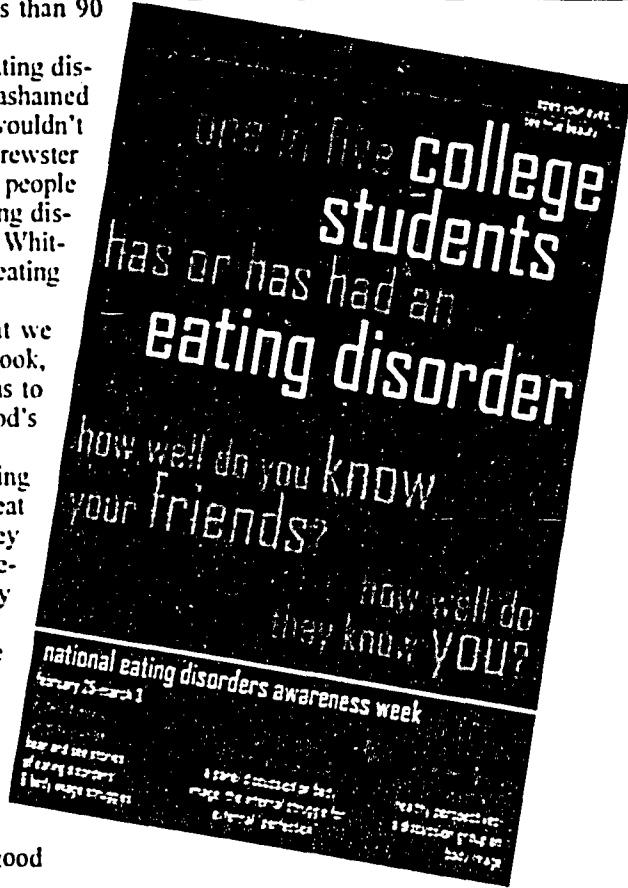
"I think it's a good idea to have more of these meetings," junior Kalen Eshoff said. "The first step of helping is making other people aware of it and these meetings are a good way to do this."

But naturally, only "being aware" does not change much. Often, people suffering from disorders keep it a secret.

"On Thursday there [was] a women's discussion group meeting called 'Healthy Perspectives,'" Golden said. "This group will continue to meet throughout the rest of the year. Healthy Perspectives will bring in speakers and have focused discussions with the intention to create a safe place to dialogue and discuss the issues that women face on this campus."

Whitworth students really want a safe place they can go to.

"This meeting is a huge step in conquering a colossal issue here on campus," said junior Kristen Black, a student struggling with an eating disorder herself. "But I think that more should be happening to support and encourage those impacted by the issue. This is such a personal and intimate struggle, that I think it will be difficult for people to come forward and step out as wrestling with it, for fear of judgment or risking being 'discovered.' So I sure hope we continue to address this problem as a critical issue at Whitworth."



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AWARENESS WEEK

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TOP: Students react at the panel discussion on body image held last Wednesday. The panel was one of three discussions put on by a group of student leaders as part of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week.

Nate Chute/Whitworthian

FAR LEFT MIDDLE: Posters advertised the events by presenting statistics and raising questions.

Image courtesy of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week organizers

MIDDLE: Students listen to the panel discussion.

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MIDDLE LEFT: The Health Center newsletter contained information on eating disorders and was distributed at the meeting.

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FAR LEFT: Junior Jessie Fishburn talks while other panelists look on.

Nate Chute/Whitworthian

LEFT: Counselor Patty Waller speaks while resident director Katrina Golden and student Health Center director Jan Murray observe.

Nate Chute/Whitworthian

EATING DISORDER Statistics

1 in 10

anorexia cases end in death from starvation, suicide or medical complications like heart attacks or kidney failure.

Information courtesy of the American Psychological Association

35 percent

of people with a binge-eating disorder are male.

5-15 percent

of people with anorexia and bulimia are male.

Information courtesy of the National Institute of Mental Health

10 percent

or more of late adolescent and adult women report symptoms of eating disorders at any given time.

12 times

The risk of death among individuals with anorexia is 12 times greater than their same age peers without anorexia.

Information courtesy of the Academy of Eating Disorders

78 percent

of 18-year-old girls are unhappy with their bodies.

81 percent

of 10-year-olds are afraid of being fat.

Information courtesy of the "Body Wars: Making Peace with Women's Bodies" by Margo Maine

Female student overcomes battle with eating disorder

Dani King
Staff writer

The Whitworth community appears to be one that is physically active and health conscious but underneath the surface of this healthy lifestyle there are individuals who suffer from eating disorders.

They blend into the crowd, going to the fitness center and eating at the salad bar just like any other healthy student would do, but emotionally there is something deeper going on. Junior Paige Townsend thought she was following the healthy trend but realized she had a more serious problem.

Townsend's body image problems first developed in high school with



TOWNSEND

self-esteem issues and dealing with stress. She was extremely involved with the tennis team, was crowned prom and homecoming queen, but she still struggled with issues of perfectionism. It wasn't until

her freshman year at Whitworth that the stress overwhelmed her and she realized, after much denial, that she suffered from an eating disorder.

"I was on the Whitworth tennis team, I was working, was busy with classes, Young Life and the stress piled up and it became my coping mechanism to focus on food," Townsend said. "It started out slow, skipping a few meals here and there, but then it progressed and became worse and worse and eventually turned into depression. I lost my personality and it affected my relationships. It changed who I was and I lost the ability to have fun."

One year ago, Townsend decided to do something about her problem so she confided in her best friend, junior Taryn Smith, and went to the Whitworth counseling center. Counselors told her they could not treat her anorexia because it would be too difficult of a long-term therapy treatment process, so they gave her a list of doctors and nutrition specialists in the Spokane area.

There are few doctors in Spokane who deal with eating disorders but Townsend said if you're persistent and patient you can find some great connections.

"I really threw myself into it," Townsend said.

She decided to undertake intensive patient treatment which meant she had to schedule frequent visits with doctors, nutritionists, counselors and therapists up to four or five times a week.

"At first it was going great and I was doing better but it turned out to be the hardest thing I've ever had to do in my life," Townsend said. "It's a daily battle. It's like there is another person inside of me, the disorder. It tells me how to think and what to do, it becomes this thing and you begin to lose yourself."

Smith said of Townsend's struggle, "At the beginning it was really hard because I didn't know what to do because she hadn't figured out for herself what she was doing to herself. Once she told me, I knew that she couldn't tackle this on her own will, she needed God mainly and some really well-trained professionals. It has been truly scary and difficult to watch

a best friend have such a huge downfall and there really is not much one can do but support her. I knew that the best thing that I could do was to listen, pray and just love on her."

Battling anorexia has its ups and downs for Townsend. This past summer her weight dropped dramatically once more to the point where her friends and family, who had been supporting her through this whole ordeal, staged an intervention.

"It's humbling to admit you have a problem. I had doctors tell me if I didn't eat I was going to die," Townsend said.

She eventually was put on a gastro feeding tube in order to sustain her malnourished body.

"I felt like I had failed, like this was a punishment. But the tube helped and I gained a little weight," Townsend said.

Townsend recalled the times when she began to put back on more weight she felt bits and pieces of herself coming back.

"I was driving this one time in my car and listening to this song by Jason Mraz and I realized that I was singing to the music," Townsend said. "I hadn't felt that happy in so long. I was feeling like myself again. I had my life back."

Townsend, a Spokane native, entered Whitworth as a psychology major but had not yet figured out her vocation.

"I have seen Paige grow ten-fold through this experience as she has become stronger in her walk with God because she continually has to lean on Him. She is an amazing and strong woman and I look up to her for her courage," Smith said.

Today Townsend is passionate about helping girls like her cope with eating disorders and even though she herself is still recovering, she wants to use her study of psychology in this particular field.

"It's humbling to admit you have a problem. I had doctors tell me if I didn't eat I was going to die."

Paige Townsend,
junior

"I thought I was the only one at Whitworth with this problem but I'm not alone. You can't ever fully understand this disorder. It's irrational, a distorted view of life, of one's body image, and it's an epidemic," Townsend said.

Townsend stressed the fact that eating disorders are becoming more and more prevalent among increasingly younger girls and even boys. The disorder is a coping mechanism that covers up underlying, deeper emotional and psychological issues. Focusing on food, just like focusing on drugs or alcohol, is a way to escape stress.

"I had a distorted body image. I thought I had to be thinner to be happier. I thought that at a healthy place like Whitworth that I was just following the crowd," Townsend said. "But you don't have to be a certain size to be happy and you can't judge your own self-worth by comparing yourself to others. Perfectionism isn't possible — only God is perfect, but we will fail. We have to be OK with that."

Admitting there is a problem is the first step to overcoming an eating disorder. Even if an individual does not have an eating disorder, it does not mean that issues dealing with body image and self-esteem should be ignored and do not have serious implications.

Townsend recommends talking to Whitworth counselors even if you don't think you have an eating disorder but are struggling with these issues.

Riding the waves

Oakland shares love of classical music through weekly radio show

Blair Tellers
Staff writer

Working for a public radio station may not be incredibly lucrative, but for English professor Leonard Oakland, sharing his knowledge and appreciation for classical music with Spokane listeners is worth much more than what it pays by the hour.

"I get paid approximately gas mileage," Oakland said.

He drives to the KPBX public radio station on Monroe Street every Sunday morning to host a classical music program he has produced for over a decade.

Oakland's interest in music began long before he was hired by the radio station's director of music and arts, Vern Windham, to host a jazz program in 1985.

Prior to enthralling audiences of Core 250 students with his famous lecture on Nietzsche or explaining to his British poetry class the concept of WB Yeats' gyres, Oakland's love for the liberal arts began in his high school band with the French horn, which he played for several years.

Following band, Oakland took a music appreciation class and continued his studies in college with a course on music history.

Even though his education focused on literature, Oakland's studies included a broad look at the cultural history surrounding the literature itself.

To understand the context and genres of multiple texts, Oakland versed himself in a panorama of subjects including politics, social studies, history of the arts, painting, sculpture and language.

Having grown up speaking Norwegian, Oakland has also studied German, French, Italian and Russian.

Oakland said an interest in language has turned out to be very valuable with classical music — especially when it comes to pronunciation.

Oakland first became involved with radio at Whitworth, where he learned the ropes of radio by hosting a jazz show every week.

"I wanted to do some work in radio because I realized I wanted to use my voice better and in different ways than just standing in front of a class," Oakland said.

The jazz show continued for a year and a half until KPBX hired Oakland as a jazz announcer.

After a while, Windham realized that Oakland had more depth in classical music.

Eventually Oakland became host of the classical music program on Sunday mornings.

Now, though he is well established at KPBX and experienced with radio, Oakland confessed that the equipment still gets confusing.

"For young people in their 20s, that ballet that one has to do with the sliders and the knobs is something they learn quickly. But for me, every time we change the board there are so many various buttons that have to be pushed for something to work, that I have many times neglected one of the buttons and then something doesn't play," Oakland said.

And even the pros get corrected. Oakland said sometimes listeners will call in to express their distaste for a piece he has just played or their great irritation at something.

Some even call in to correct his pronunciation of the song titles.

In addition to his classical music show, in 2002 Oakland was invited on to what is now KPBX's sister station and only station at the time, KWSFC 101, by Bob Glatzer, creator of "Movies 101."

Here, Oakland, along with Glatzer and fellow critic Dan Webster, reviewed movies along

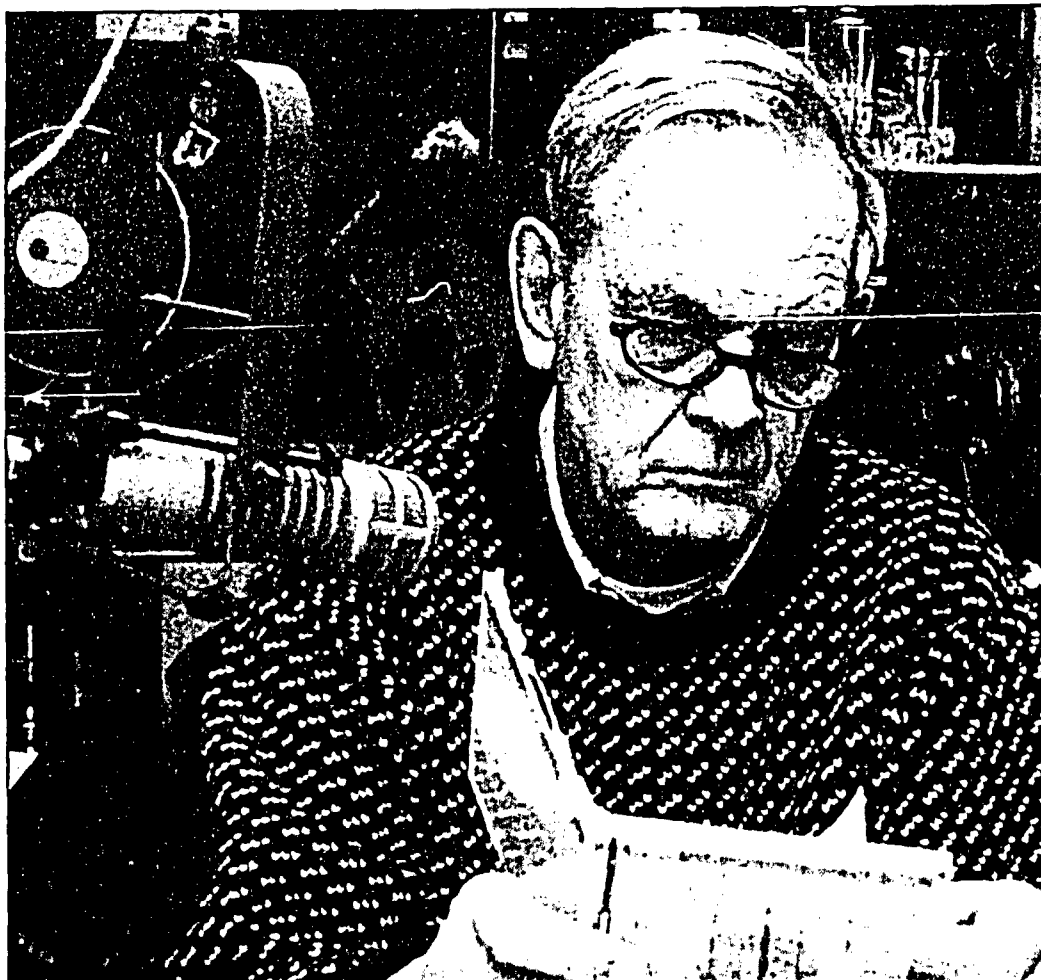
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*Classical Music
with Leonard
Oakland*

When: Sunday 10
a.m.-noon

Where: 91.1 KPBX

Listen online at
www.kpbx.org



Jessica Carrier/Whitworthian

TOP: English professor Leonard Oakland examines a CD jacket during his weekly radio broadcast on 91.1 KPBX. Oakland first had a weekly jazz show on Whitworth radio, KWRS, before working for KPBX radio. He also used to participate in a weekly movie criticism and discussion on the air.

ABOVE: Oakland takes a call at the station.

with each other's tastes in a weekly roundtable discussion.

Oakland continued to be a full-time member for a couple of years but soon realized it was very difficult to be a professor at Whitworth, grade papers and tape the show.

"Going to three bad movies a week became the problem, because too often I wouldn't have time to see all of them," Oakland said.

Now Oakland, who also teaches a film course over Jan Term, has become the back-up pinch hitter when someone is needed to fill in for the show.

"I've learned more from Leonard than I have from any other single person about film," Glatzer said. "He's so knowledgeable and has been so helpful to me over the years with his

better acquaintance with films than I have. He's really a kind of master teacher of films in this whole area."

Glatzer, who is currently working on his second book concerning movie criticism, said he will be sending a copy to Oakland for commentary.

"I feel lucky to have him as a friend, lucky to have him available on my show, and lucky to have learned so much as I have about film from Leonard," Glatzer said.

The range of films that Oakland has reviewed in the past is not limited to Oscar or Sundance-winning pictures.

"Borat" was very gross and very funny. It had brilliant satire and was worse than sophomoric. At times, it was utterly unfair to some people," Oakland said. "But very often ... they deserved it."

Junior Bryce Annis, who has been a T.A. for Oakland in Core 250, said both movies and music are a big deal for Oakland.

"While his generation of music is far different than ours, he is by no means uneducated about ours," Annis said.

Oakland told Annis that when he was in college, people would watch movies for the meaning in them, and the way a movie might cause a person to think.

"Which is a pretty foreign concept to our generation," Annis said. "I wonder how many college students these days would be into a movie that challenges you so intensely about metaphysics and whether God exists?"

Oakland continues to spend time sharing a plethora of expertise in a versatile array of subjects — on and off the air — much to the appreciation of English majors, movie goers, music lovers and students like Annis.

As for KPBX, Oakland described it as a great station that continues the tradition of having a wonderful variety.

"It's something of a quilt that has been stitched together of all kinds of pieces and things," Oakland said. "[It's] a balancing act because a lot of people want more of what they love and less of what they don't love."

Oakland's show runs every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on KPBX 91.9 FM.

"With his amazing wealth of knowledge and the time he has obviously spent gleaning it," Annis said. "I don't even know how he has time to be an English professor."

Symphony offers full season

Julie Woolton
Staff writer

The Spokane Symphony will be performing on March 9 and 23 from 8 to 10 p.m. in the INB Performing Arts Center.

The concerts are a part of the Symphony's 2006-2007 season with the theme "Musical Treasures."

At the March 9 "Temperaments" concert, music director Eckart Preu will direct the Spokane Symphony in Rautavaara's "Cantus Arcticus" (Concerto for Birds and Orchestra), Nielsen's "Symphony No. 2- Four Temperaments" and J. Sibelius' "Concerto for Violin."

Sara Chang, a world renowned violinist, will be joining the Symphony in playing the Sibelius' "Concerto for Violin."

Guest Conductor Gunther Schueller will lead the March 23 "Schueller Returns" concert.

Schueller was the former music director of the Symphony from 1984-1985.

He is returning to guest conduct for the first time since 2000.

The Symphony will be performing Hartman's "Symphony No. 5," Bloch's "Schelomo," and Beethoven's "Symphony No. 7."

The concert will feature Mark Kosower, one of the most accomplished cellists in the United States.

The Spokane Symphony is a 70-piece professional orchestra in its 61st season.

The Symphony performs more than 60 concerts a year. Its mission says The Spokane Symphony Society believes that orchestral music nurtures the human spirit and is integral to the presentation and development of our American culture.

Tickets start from \$15 and can be purchased from TicketsWest: 1-800-325-SEAT, the Spokane Symphony Ticket Office: (509) 624-1200, or at spokanesymphony.org.

Scene

Bowling rolls into action

Kelly McCrillis
Staff writer

Let's face it; if you want to do group social activities in the city of Spokane, you are going to need some money – and usually a fairly good amount of it.

For one movie after 5 p.m., the cost is now \$8 for students and live shows are even more expensive. Bowling too, is often pricey for the average college student.

But now, bowling enthusiasts, people doing it just for the fun or those who just love the feeling of throwing really heavy objects at not - so - heavy ones have an inexpensive way of accomplishing these small but all the while significant feats.

Last fall, a group of off-campus Whitworth students went to Lilac Lanes on "Quarter Mania Thursday." After playing three games for a total of \$9 (\$3 a game), that person could play any additional game for only 25 cents.

The plan was to have one more in the spring and call it good, but with the amount of students who showed up, it seemed like a good idea to make the event more accessible to students.

After being approached by Lilac Lanes about the situation, Lance Beck, ASWC off-campus representative, decided he should turn Whitworth bowling nights into a league.

This league, although not an official club at Whitworth, still operates under the name.

In joining the league, which is currently made up of eight teams (four people a piece), a Whitworth student, alumni or professor can play any day of the week for \$1.75 a game. Beck hopes for there to be about 15 teams by the time the

JOIN

Bowling league

Team size: four people
When: Tuesday nights at 9:30 p.m.
Where: Lilac Lanes
Cost: \$9 a team per week

Contact Lance Beck to get involved.



Jessica Carrier/Whitworthian

Junior David Howell and other students bowl up a storm at an off-campus bowling tournament Thursday, Feb. 22 at Lilac Lanes bowling alley. Student interest in the activity sparked the creation of a Whitworth bowling league.

league starts today, so currently there are seven positions for teams still open. League nights are Tuesdays at 9:30 p.m. Each team has 15 minutes of warm up until the competition starts.

Each team plays three games at \$3 a piece, and tallies up the total scores for each player to create a final team score. The league is played with handicaps so that a team member is trying to do better than his original best score. This should give the more inexperienced players a chance – compared to Beck, who has been in bowling leagues since high school and manages a 225 average.

Also, all four team members must be present to play; if one is not able to make the game, that team must name a substitute.

Though there has been no official announcement, Beck did mention a couple possible prizes for either daily or league champions.

"We might set aside \$1.50 of every \$9 entry and give the total to the winning team that night," Beck said.

Later he said that there might be a prize at the end of the year such as a personalized ball for each team member of the winning team.

This is a great overall idea for students that like bowling for fun or competitively. You can hang out with your friends, meet new people, maybe even trash talk the other teams ... for much cheaper than usual.

"If you think about it, you can potentially bowl until 2 a.m. for only \$10," Beck said.

Justin Timberlake: The new King of Pop



OFF the RECORD

Caleb Knox
Staff writer

With James Brown's passing on Christmas Day, I started thinking about the royal family of pop music. When he passed, Brown took two of the all-time great nicknames to rock 'n' roll heaven with him: "The Godfather of Soul" and "The Hardest Working Man in Show Business."

There is one more title, however, that still could hold some relevance in today's pop-culture landscape: King of Pop. Sometime after the release of his 1987 album "Bad," Michael Jackson hit the height of his stardom. According to Jackson, his friend Elizabeth Taylor conceived the nickname in 1989 when presenting him at an awards show. And King of Pop Jackson was: The "Bad" world tour averaged roughly 36,000 fans at each concert. Five songs from the album became No. 1 singles. The "Bad" music video was directed by acclaimed film director Martin Scorsese. According to VH1.com, Jackson "possessed of all the tools to dominate the charts seemingly at will: an instantly identifiable voice, eye-popping dance moves, stunning musical versatility and loads of sheer star power."

Since 1989, however, Jackson's career has taken a dizzying nosedive. His 2001 album "Invincible"

was a commercial bust. He held his infant son over a balcony in Berlin and was charged with child molestation (again). After being acquitted in June 2005, Jackson moved from his Neverland ranch to the island nation of Bahrain. He has made three public appearances since: two at award ceremonies and one at James Brown's funeral.

Although Jackson is still a fascinating character, he has become largely irrelevant. The King of Pop should be more than a perpetual punching bag for no-talent comedians. That's why Jackson has only one choice: To publicly hand his title over to Justin Timberlake.

Don't laugh; Timberlake is closer to Jackson than you may think. First of all, he has all the tools that VH1.com ascribed to Jackson. Not since Jackson has there been a solo artist with the ultimate clout that Timberlake now wields. Secondly, his pop chart dominance has become a given, beginning with *NSYNC's unrivaled heartbreakery from 1998 to 2001.

His debut solo effort, 2002's "Justified," sold more than 3 million units. His new album, 2006's "FutureSex/LoveSounds," sold more than 684,000 units in the first week alone. "FutureSex/LoveSounds" has also hit the No. 1 position on charts in nine countries, including England, Canada, Estonia and the Philippines. As of press time, Timberlake's first 22 concerts on the FutureSex/LoveShow world tour were sold out.

When the FutureSex/LoveShows are over, Timberlake should initiate an event that takes place during the last week of July: The King of Pop Show

2007. Invite Jackson and all of his friends: Elizabeth Taylor, Macaulay Culkin, Bubbles the chimp, the whole nine yards.

The show would start with an all-star cast of Jackson fans. I know Usher won't be left out if there's a chance that he could show off his dance moves. Get Carlos Santana and Slash to have a guitar duel while Shakira belts out "Beat It." Bring Paul McCartney out to perform "The Girl is Mine" with Brian McKnight.

Then when the first set is over, that's when Timberlake comes out. But don't let him just run out there; make him perform "Billie Jean" in the same outfit that MJ wore on "Motown 25" in 1983. Keep the choreography the same, and the crowd will freak. Then, Timberlake performs a set that contains some of his songs and some of Jackson's. He could start with "Señorita" and "Rock Your Body," but don't forget about "The Way You Make Me Feel." He could even bring that pretty girlfriend of his up on stage.

That night there would be enough for a Michael Jackson tribute, but Timberlake isn't finished yet. He sings "You Are Not Alone" as Jackson himself comes onto the stage wearing a sash that says "King of Pop." The house would erupt, and then it would be Jackson's turn to shine.

Jackson has proven that he can still dance, and he could let the world know that although he's handing over King of Pop, he's not going down quietly. He could open with his most recent radio hit, "You Rock My World," and then go into a frenzy. "Cry Me a River" would take on a whole new meaning with Jackson behind the

microphone. Bring back "Bad" and "Thriller." Bring out the Black Eyed Peas to perform "Where is The Love?" with Jackson singing Timberlake's chorus.

After the song, Jackson begins walking off stage and the background music starts back up. But wait! What's this? Timberlake pulls him back on stage for a performance of "Smooth Criminal" that would make the guys from Alien Ant Farm wet themselves. They combine for "Man in the Mirror" and a sexier-than-ever version of "SexyBack," and then a teary-eyed Jackson presents the "King of Pop" sash to Timberlake. Finally, bring in a children's choir and conclude the evening with a duet version of "We Are The World."

There would be no downside to this event. Timberlake gets the title he deserves, and Jackson earns some much-needed positive publicity before finishing his next album, currently slated for a fall 2007 release. Jackson's most rabid fans may rebel, but they can be comforted by the fact that Jackson willingly gave up his title to the new, true King of Pop.

This would also be Jackson's chance to finally change his image. He could be resurrected with a new album, a grittier persona and renewed confidence. Jackson would arise from his own ashes like the mythical phoenix, and he could finally moonwalk into the sunset with his head held high.

"Off the Record" is a music column by Caleb Knox. Knox is a junior majoring in English and Journalism. Direct all comments and ideas to cknox08@whitworth.edu

City LIFE

Ngaio Bealum to perform at comedy club

Ngaio Bealum, know as "The Chocolate Mountain of Joy" to fans, will be performing at the Brickwall Comedy Club this Wednesday and Thursday at 8 p.m. and this Friday and Saturday at 9:45 p.m.

Bealum has appeared on BET, MTV and Comedy Central's "Sarah Silverman's Show" and has opened for Weird Al Yankovic, George Lopez, Two Live Crew and Zap Mama.

The show is free on Wednesday but costs \$6 on Thursday and \$12 on Friday and Saturday. Brickwall Comedy Club is located at 105 E. Mission Ave. For more information, call (509) 458-4149.

Christian artist performing at Service Station

John Reuben, a hip-hop, rap, experimental Christian artist, will play at the Service Station this Sunday at 6 p.m.

Special guests Alon, Jonathan Hape, Indie Blockeddappella, Scoob Serious and Three Minutes from Home will open the show.

Reuben released a new album, "Word of Mouth," on Feb. 6.

"Word of Mouth" is Reuben's fifth release with Go-tee Records.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$14 at the door and can be purchased at www.ticketswest.com.

Church to host rummage, book sale this Friday

Trinity United Methodist Church is hosting a rummage sale on Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The rummage sale will feature books, sheet music, records, pictures, puzzles, clothing, collectibles, jewelry, household items and more.

The church is located at 1725 E. Bridgeport Ave. For more information call (509) 483-261 or (509) 924-0964.

Flatts visiting Spokane Arena tomorrow

Country music group Rascal Flatts is performing at the Spokane Arena this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$59.75 and can be purchased at www.ticketswest.com.

A&E BRIEFS

Dating game coming to HUB Dining Hall

Watch four bachelors and four bachelorettes get paired off on all-expenses-paid blind dates during the Dating Game today. The Dating Game will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the HUB Dining Hall and will continue through dinnertime. Contact Amy Newton with questions at anewton07@whitworth.edu.

Students bring staged reading this Wednesday

There will be a free staged reading of "Murder in the Cathedral" this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. "Murder in the Cathedral" is a poetic drama by T. S. Eliot that portrays the assassination of Archbishop Thomas Becket in 1170. The reading will be in the HUB Multipurpose Room.

Compiled by Laura Richardson

Weekly EVENTS

TUESDAY | MARCH 6

- Tuition Freedom Day.
- The Dating Game, 5:30 p.m. in HUB Dining Hall.
- Using your Major in Ministry discussion, 7 p.m. in Science Auditorium
- Gordon Wilson exhibit in Koehler Gallery

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 7

- Whitworth Missions Fair, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Lied Square
- John Roth lecture, 7 p.m. in Weyerhaeuser Teaching Theatre
- Staged reading, 7 p.m. in HUB multipurpose room

THURSDAY | MARCH 8

- Whitworth Missions Fair, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Lied Square
- Benjamin Homan lecture, 7:30 p.m. in Weyerhaeuser Teaching Theatre

FRIDAY | MARCH 9

- Health and Wellness Fair, 11 a.m. in HUB multipurpose room
- "The Cherry Orchard," 8 p.m. in Cowles Auditorium

SATURDAY | MARCH 10

- Green with Envy dance, 9 p.m. to midnight in HUB multipurpose room
- "The Cherry Orchard," 8 p.m. in Cowles Auditorium

SUNDAY | MARCH 11

- "The Cherry Orchard," 2 p.m. in Cowles Auditorium
- Cool Whip,

MONDAY | MARCH 12

- Gordon Wilson exhibit in Koehler Gallery
- Muddy Buddys for Mexico, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Lied Square



Jesse Clark Whitworthian

LEFT: Senior Alicia Doyl (Charlotta Ivanovna) and sophomore Conor Wing (Simeonov Pishchik) play a game of cards in "The Cherry Orchard."

ABOVE: Seniors Stephany Jeffers (Lyuba) and Matt Park (Petya Trofimov) embrace towards the end of the play.

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Want to see more photos of "The Cherry Orchard"? Check out the gallery at www.whitworthian.com

Preview: 'The Cherry Orchard'

Theatre dept. tackles classic Russian play

Caley Ochoa
Staff writer

In recent weeks on almost any given evening, someone entering Cowles Memorial Auditorium might be met with stares and questions.

The cast of this year's Spring production "The Cherry Orchard" by Anton Chekhov is a close-knit group. They are even starting to look alike; almost the entire male cast has grown out their hair and beards for the show.

"We're very comfortable with each other," freshman Heather Kirnak, who plays the part of Varya, said.

Senior Stephany Jeffers leads the ensemble cast as Lyubov Andreyevna Ranévskaia or Lyuba for short.

While the Russian names may seem intimidating, Chekhov is recognized as one of the greatest playwrights of the 20th century and "The Cherry Orchard" is notably his best work.

At the start of the play, Lyuba leaves Paris and her lover to return to Russia and the famed cherry orchard which is her family home.

She is utterly in debt and will have to lease out parcels of land or sell the cherry orchard in order to break even, yet she is unable

to give up her aristocratic way of life. Either way, the cherry orchard might be chopped down.

"The cherry orchard is both what holds [Lyuba and her family] back and their identity, their history. It's kind of a no-win situation," director Diana Trotter said.

Chekhov's play tells the story of the Lyuba's ancestral cherry orchard and the decline of the Russian aristocracy.

Despite all the talk about their beloved orchard, Lyuba and her brother Leonid seem unable to do anything to save their home and their identity.

The play is about human connection and attempts at connection, Trotter said. She said that throughout much of the dialogue, the characters are not really talking to one another, but at one another.

"It's all about non sequiturs. [The characters are] earnestly trying to connect but they just miss," senior Mark Schuldt who plays Leonid, Lyuba's brother, said, "It's very similar to the TV show 'The Office.'"

"The Cherry Orchard" is a comedy, yet many directors play it as a tragedy. Even the first production did not satisfy Chekhov's intentions, Trotter said.

Some audiences may misunderstand aspects of Russian farce along with the philosophical undertones; however, Trotter expects Whitworth students will enjoy the humor.

"Chekhov is very contemporary, like 'Pulp Fiction.' It has the

same kind of ironic absurdity to it," Trotter said.

She went on to say that the essence of Chekhov could be summed up by the opening line of another play, "The Seagull," which begins with one person asking, "Why do you always wear black?" The other responds, "Because I'm in mourning for my life."

The cast of "The Cherry Orchard" has definitely earned the credit it will receive for participating in the production. Between the two and five hour daily rehearsals, students spend time practicing their lines and running over scenes with one another.

"To be true to the character, to the play, you have to study what 19th century Russia was like, you have to know things about the class structure," junior Joshua Sawtell, playing the scallywag Yasha, said.

The cast compared their time commitments to doing a varsity sport. Despite the demanding schedule, the actors were full of exuberance at their rehearsal, playing a game called "How do you get the energy up?" which involved a lot of yelling, dancing and general boisterousness.

"It's a lot of fun because putting so much time into something, you gain an understanding of another culture," Sawtell said, "I don't like my character. He's a dick. He's fun to play in some ways."

New to mainstage productions, Kirnak is impressed with the level of professionalism demonstrated by her castmates.

"It's acting. The reason we do it is because it's fun. These people care about the production. They're really professional about it," she said.

The young cast and curtailed

rehearsal schedule have had no effect on the professionalism of the actors, nor on the quality of the production.

Trotter is pleased with the way things are going and looking forward to opening night.

"I'm looking forward to how the play is read and interpreted by the audience. This is the way I think Chekhov should be interpreted. I am very satisfied with the way it's turning out," Trotter said. "This is what I wanted."

The cast themselves anticipate the opening of the show when they will finally get to see their hard work come to fruition.

"It'll be really cool to have an audience. When you have a good audience, it makes it so much better," Kirnak said of her expectations for opening night.

"The Cherry Orchard" opens this Friday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the Theatre Office in Cowles Auditorium, but can also be purchased at the door.

Upcoming Events Theatre Department

Staged Readings - HUB Café

"Murder in the Cathedral" by T.S. Eliot
March 14 at 7 p.m.

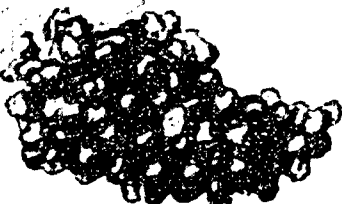
"Collected Stories" by Donald Margulies
March 21 at 7 p.m.

"The Trial of God" by Elie Wiesel
April 11 at 7 p.m.

Stage II

Senior Performance - Katherine Busz
April 21 at 7 p.m.

Grapevine HUMOR



Positions that didn't make the leadership fair ...

- Official Frisbee player.
- Habitual Big-Three-breaker.
- Permanent ASWC guest.
- Tenured BJ Traditiator.
- Lead recycler.
- Prime Time hopper.
- KWRS caller. Three shifts available.
- Sports events attendee.
- Cover-to-cover Whitworthian after-print proof reader
- Nalgene salesperson.
- Student.

HUB gallery depicts cancer battle

Calli Strellnauer
Staff writer

Artist Sandra Hilson's battle with cancer has inspired her to pour even more life into her art, and it shows. Those who attended her art display in the Hixson Union Building multipurpose room last Thursday were immediately struck by the light and vibrancy of her pieces.

"Art is an outlet for me to get all of my emotions out on canvas rather than feel sorry for myself," Hilson said.

Hilson's love of art was fed by her artist mother, Dolores. Hilson would watch her paint when she was younger and as she grew, they expanded their artistic scope together.

Her mother always told her to color outside the lines and to believe that what she created was beautiful.

Hilson's mother struggled with cancer for many years and so was unable to paint for nearly a decade.

Hilson now is going through the same struggle. She said her battle with cancer has given her work a new depth.

The title piece in her show, "Vital Signs," was inspired after a stay in the hospital. Hilson arrived home and immediately went to work.

The painting has layers of brilliant reds as a background with a luminous white line snaking through the middle, moving up and down like an EKG reading.

One of the defining features in Hilson's work is the importance of light.

Also a glassworks artist, Hilson tries to give each of her paintings a "glass-like" effect.

Each canvas is raised in areas due to the thickness of the media. That is because the canvas is covered with layer upon layer of beautiful, light-reflecting paint that she makes herself.

"My mother and I developed this. In the paintings, I just layer on paint and varnish and a gloss to give it a three-dimensional effect," Hilson said.



Junior Ryan Hirsch views Sandra Hilson's art in the HUB Gallery last Thursday. Hilson's work is based on her struggle with cancer. The paintings use multiple media to create depth and texture on the canvas.

Katie Akamine/Whitworthian

The open and abstract movement of her pieces is meant to draw the viewer into the painting and allows each observer to come away with a different impression.

"I want my art to make people happy. I want them to get lost in it," Hilson said. "Art is able to connect with people on an entirely different level and that's what I

want mine to do."

Hilson encouraged everyone that views her art to create as well and draw from every aspect of life for inspiration.

"Life is short and empty things like alcohol and drugs won't fill people. You have to choose to create," Hilson said.

Smoking seen in different lights

Laura Richardson
Staff writer

A group of students huddles together outside the Hixson Union Building to smoke and talk after dinner. The ends of their cigarettes glow bright and clouds of smoke swirl into the cold night air. Some students cough as they walk past the group of smokers into the warmth of the HUB. Others glare or whisper to each other.

This scenario is not uncommon for smokers at Whitworth, freshman Carole Juin said. Juin, an international student from France, said students' contempt towards smokers simply makes her laugh.

"Don't do that [coughing] to make us feel uncomfortable, because that doesn't work," Juin said. "It's funny for me."

In France, people can smoke wherever and whenever they want, even inside, Juin said.

However, the European Union is now seeking a ban on smoking in public places across the group's 27 countries. By January 2008, all French restaurants, clubs and some bars will be non-smoking.

"It's going to be the worst thing ever," Juin said. "I've got half a year left to enjoy smoking inside."

Juin explained that because smoking in France is so common, it is more socially acceptable than in the United States.

"In France, if you don't smoke, you're the minority," Juin said. "Here,

since you smoke, you are the sinner and you need to go outside. It's such a taboo. Many people hide to smoke."

Juin said she only smokes two or three cigarettes a day, normally after lunch and after dinner. She enjoys the calming effect of her smoking ritual.

"I think it's bad for you if you smoke a pack a day. I think anything is bad for you if you abuse it," Juin said, pointing out the caffeine addictions of many Whitworth students.

Student Health Center director Jan Murray said that while any addiction is detrimental, cigarette smoking is particularly damaging to the human body.

"The evidence is pretty overwhelming that smoking leads to major health problems over time," Murray said. "The ongoing use of nicotine compromises the immune system."

Smoking is the primary cause of lung cancer and cardiovascular disease. Furthermore, smokers are more likely to get infections after surgery, not to mention that smoking stains teeth and clothes, prematurely ages the skin and makes breath unpleasant, Murray said.

"Recreational use versus addiction isn't as bad, but it still has adverse effects on the body system," Murray said. "The less you smoke, the better."

Freshman John Kuhn said he recently quit smoking habitually, although he still has a cigarette every now and then. Before he quit smoking

at the beginning of this month, he had been a smoker for 1½ years.

"I just one day woke up and was like, 'Uh, this is gross,'" Kuhn said. "I didn't really crave it anymore."

Kuhn's quitting process differs from most people's experiences. Nicotine addiction is a hard one to kick, Murray said. If a student decides to quit, he or she should not do it alone.

"Don't go cold turkey. Talk with a medical professional and find a support group if possible," Murray said. "You can also schedule an appointment with our counselors."

Start running to clean out your lungs or go drink a glass of water when you're having a craving, Kuhn suggested.

Junior Amanda Smith, president of the Whitworth chapter of Colleges against Cancer, encouraged students to get support from their friends if they want to quit smoking.

"I'll mention to my smoking friends that I'll help them quit if they want to," Smith said. "Or, I'll tell them to go to the American Cancer Society Web site. [ACS] has a really great Web site and hot line."

Non-smoking students should be careful about how they approach their smoking peers, Murray said.

"If you're nagging people to quit, I think it almost has a deleterious effect," Murray said.

Non-smoking students should not condemn students who choose to smoke, Kuhn said.

"A lot of people always glare at smokers, but they don't know that everyone has their own reasons for starting. They might be really struggling and smoking helps them get through it," Kuhn said. "My senior year was pretty tumultuous, and nicotine would help."

Smith said she tries to understand her friends' reasons for smoking.

"I'm not going to judge people who smoke. It's a personal decision," Smith said.

SMOKING Statistics

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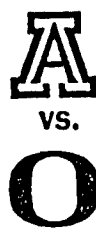
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CLARIFICATIONS

In the Feb. 27 edition, the Multicultural Activities Council paid for Frenchy Lamont and Frances Jones-Baker's airfare and hotel fees, not students.

From the February 20 edition, one of the articles on the year's best albums states that all the music and lyrics on John Mayer's new album "Continuum" are written by John Mayer. Track 9, "Bold as Love," is originally by Jimi Hendrix.

Sports


Game to watch

(18) Oregon vs. Arizona

Men's Basketball

Thursday, March 8 @ Noon

Pac-10 Tournament

Four up, four down: Pirates sweep Boxers

 Colin Storm
Sports Editor

Though the cold weather forced the Whitworth women's softball games to move this weekend, their bats stayed hot.



PARRY

The Pirates opened the Northwest Conference season by completing a four-game sweep of the Pacific University Boxers in Pasco, Wash. last weekend.

The wins improved Whitworth's record to 7-0 on the season. In the first game of last Saturday's double-header, the Pirates jumped to an early lead thanks to errors, walks and timely hitting.

Junior shortstop Heather Case led off the

game with a walk, then senior catcher Lindsay Davis reached base on a throwing error by Pacific's Brooke Fogwell. Case and Davis tried to steal, but Case was thrown out at third while Davis advanced to second. Junior second baseman Morgan Thomsen and sophomore right fielder Sarah Froman accumulated back-to-back walks to load the bases for junior left fielder Lacey Parry.

Parry, a transfer from Spokane Falls Community College, roped a single into left field scoring Davis and Thomsen. Junior Amber Fowler, who plays third base, doubled to right field to score Froman and send Parry to third.

Three batters later, junior pitcher Jessie LaPlante helped her own cause by singling to right field, scoring Fowler. The Pirates went on to score another run in the inning, taking a 6-0 lead after the first.

The Pirates' bats would be shut down from

there, as the Boxers only allowed three more hits the rest of the game.

The Boxers chipped away at the lead, scoring one in the second, two in the third and two in the sixth.

But the Pirates, behind the pitching of LaPlante, hung on to win the game 6-5. The four errors the Boxers committed, two of which came in the first inning, cost them the game.

In the nightcap of the double-header last Saturday, the Pirates yet again used a single inning to end the Boxers' chances, this time using the third to have an offensive explosion.

With the game scoreless heading into the third, it was the top of the lineup doing the dam-

age.

With one out, Case laced a double followed by a Davis single. With runners on first and third, Davis was given the green light to steal second, which she did successfully. Thomsen followed with a sacrifice fly to center field, scoring Case and moving Davis to third.

Fowler reached on an error by the shortstop Alicia Hawes, which scored Davis. Parry then hit a triple to right-center field which scored Fowler, then came home herself on a fielding error by second baseman Kelly Nishitomi.

The Pirates added three more over the next two innings, before giving up two in the bottom of the sixth to the Boxers to complete the 7-2 win.

The Pirates won two games last Sunday, taking the first game 6-5 and the second 8-4. Whitworth will host Pacific Lutheran this weekend in their home opener.

NEXT GAME

Whitworth vs.

Pacific Lutheran

Date: March 10

Time: Noon (DH)

Location: Softball

Field (Whitworth)

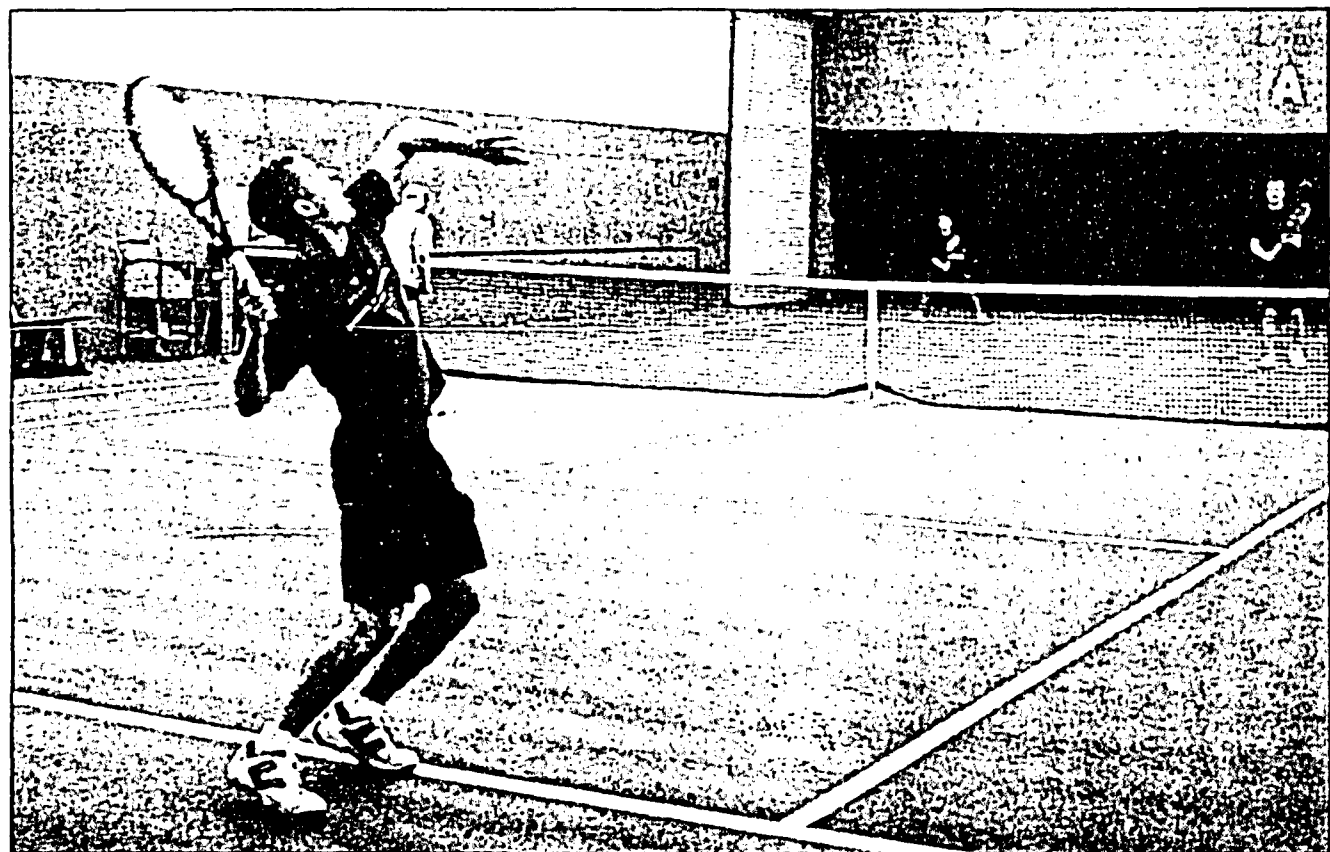


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Sophomore Scott Bourne serves a ball down the line in his No. 3 doubles match against Puget Sound. Bourne's partner, senior Colin Storm, poached on Bourne's first serve to cut off Kai Sato's return. Bourne and Storm lost 8-4, but the Pirates beat the Loggers 5-4 in the team match.

Pirates cut down Loggers

For only the second time in four years, the Pirates top rival Puget Sound Loggers in the regular season

 KT Pridgen
Staff writer

The Whitworth men's tennis team hosted the University of Puget Sound last Saturday, a team they had only beaten once during the regular season in the last four years.

"We all knew this was going to be a challenge, as UPS always plays us tough and because we were missing (senior) Michael Carlson this weekend," junior Ed Anegon said.

The Pirates stepped up to the challenge, defeating the Loggers 5-4. But the road to victory wasn't easy.

The Loggers took two of the three doubles matches, defeating junior Curran Scott and freshman Kellen Oetgen at No. 2 and senior Colin Storm and sophomore Scott Bourne at No. 3. Anegon and junior Scott Donnell teamed up for Whitworth's only win in doubles at No. 1.

Scott won his singles match at No. 6

"I think we have finally hit our stride after a few bumps in the beginning."

 Scott Donnell,
Junior

to tie the team score at 2-2. Freshman Austin Abelar finished only minutes later, but was on the losing end dropping the match at No. 5 singles. Oetgen rebounded from his doubles loss to force a third set at No. 4 singles, where he pulled out a win in the final set.

Bourne also forced a third set at No. 3 singles, but fell in the final set.

With two matches left on the court, both in the third and determining set, the Pirates were behind 4-3 in the team score. Anegon, the No. 1 singles player, beat his opponent Andrew Neal for only the second time in his career, tying the team score at 4-4.

"This was by far the best match I've played so far this year, both physically and mentally," Anegon said. "To get a win against a kid who's had my number for the past year is huge for me, as it will help me feel more confident as I go deeper into the season."

The match came down to No. 2 singles, where Donnell was playing in the absence of Carlson. Donnell won the first set 7-6 in a tiebreaker, but dropped the second set 5-7. In the third set, Donnell took an early 2-0 lead after breaking the Loggers' Nick Amland serve. But Amland broke back and held to tie the score up at 2-2.

Once again, Donnell took a lead got up 5-2. Amland would not go away easily, fighting back to within 5-4 when the match was halted due to a cut on Donnell's hand.

Donnell went to the baseline, needing to hold serve for the win.

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Sonics move could put unwanted heat on NBA

 Mike Novasky
Staff writer

It seems that a new issue is finding its way into the sports newswire these days. An issue that does not deal with how overpaid, underpaid or adequately paid athletes are. And, more importantly, one that doesn't deal with what Barry Bonds did to hit so many home runs.

For once, this is not just fodder for a Skip Bayless and Woody Paige shouting match to see who can utter the most idiotic statement, or earn ESPN the lowest Nielsen ratings.

No. This is a real issue. One with bearing beyond stat heads and opinionated sports columnists like myself.

Today, it seems as though the sports world is being faced head on with the political quagmire of homosexuality and gay marriage.

And this time it has landed right on Seattle's doorstep.

Now, this has little to do with John Amaechi. And don't start going all Joe McCarthy on the Mariners' roster looking for Mike Piazza's name. No players have come out of the closet.

It is actually much the opposite. This deals with the political history of Seattle's favorite Oklahomans. As it turns out, a few years ago two of the Sonics' newest bankrollers contributed heavily toward the Americans United to Preserve Marriage, a group set up to combat gay marriage.

We are not talking about a small donation either. Of the \$1.3 million dollars spent by the group between 2004-2006, \$1.1 million was supplied by Sonics' contributors Aubrey McClendon and Tom Ward, according to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

This may not seem like such a big deal in Spokane, which is more politically tied to Oklahoma City than Seattle. But in Western Washington, which falls just this side of socialism, this makes the high wire act the Sonics' ownership were already attempting even more precarious.

Remember, this is the same area that is very likely on the verge of allowing benefits for domestic partnerships.

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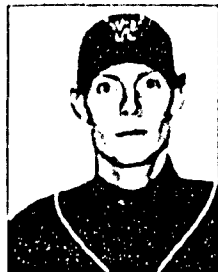


Whitworth salvages one in series

Justin Jose
Staff writer

The Whitworth Pirates baseball team had a rude awakening last Saturday with a 22-2 shelling from Pacific University in the first game of a double header and start of league play. Despite the rough start to the weekend series and the weather conditions that moved the games to Moses Lake, the Bucs managed to come away with a positive showing in the start of conference play.

"Being the start of conference, there was some nervousness and



ZIMMERMAN

we struggled," senior outfielder Van Lierman said.

However, Lierman was quick to point out that the team still exuded confidence despite the initial blow-out.

"We were confident, we hit the ball hard. It just went right at them though," Lierman said.

The Pirates finished Saturday's doubleheader with a close loss, 3-2. Despite the loss, the Pirates remained encouraged because of the strong outing by senior pitcher Brandon Zimmerman. The ace of the pitching staff threw a complete game, keeping Whitworth within striking distance of the lead.

Yet the Pirates were unable to come up with timely hitting, squandering Zimmerman's great outing. Sophomore catcher Dan Ramsay caught Zimmerman and agreed that offensively, the Bucs were unable to

capitalize on the pitching effort.

"We settled down the second game, but we couldn't get the hit we needed to support the great effort that Brandon gave us," Ramsay said.

The Pirates persevered through the tough loss and on Sunday came up with a 10-0 victory over the Boxers. Junior pitcher Ryan Snell pitched a shutout, while his team supported him with an outburst of offense.

The Pirates received some help from the Boxers when their pitchers made mistakes while the Pirates hitters capitalized. Ramsay and Lier-

man were quick to echo that the difference Sunday was that the team took advantage when the opportunities presented themselves.

"Sunday's win was a team effort with everyone chipping in," Lierman said.

He added that the team hit well throughout the weekend, but Sunday the ball began finding the holes rather than opponents.

"We hit the ball hard and finally got it in holes; we just came up with clutch hits," Lierman said.

The Pirates exit the weekend series salvaging a win and confidence after their shutout of the Boxers. Last Sunday produced the Pirates first win in the Northwest Conference and brought their overall record to 3-9 and 1-2 in the NWC. NWC play continues for the Pirates this weekend when they travel to Portland to face Lewis & Clark College.

NEXT GAME

Whitworth at
Lewis & Clark

Date: March 10
Time: Noon (DH)
Location: Portland, Ore.



Nate Chute, Whitworthian

Freshman Jeff Kintner practices his discus throws during the Red vs. Black track meet Whitworth held on Feb. 23. The Pirates opened their season against NWC competition last weekend at the Willamette Open in Salem, Ore.

Kemp qualifies for Nationals in javelin

Peter Burke
Opinions Editor

With one throw, sophomore Kory Kemp likely punched his ticket to Oshkosh, Wisc. for the Division III track and field national championships. Kemp tossed his javelin 192'10", winning the event and out-throwing the nearest competitor by almost 12 feet at the annual Willamette Open on Saturday.

"We were hoping for some good weather, we got some sun and I ended up popping one," Kemp said.

Head coach Toby Schwarz said Kemp's throw would probably be long enough to qualify for nationals based on last years qualifying marks but Kemp is not satisfied with Saturday's throw.

"Two hundred [feet] is my goal this year," Kemp said. "I just have to stay healthy."

As a freshman last season, Kemp had a personal record of 182' before injuring himself a few weeks before the Northwest Conference Championship, he said.

Schwarz was pleased with the throw, considering Kemp has improved by almost 30 feet since high school.

"That shows his work ethic and how hard he trains," Schwarz said.

Freshman Cody Stelzer won the high jump with a leap of 6'8", to provisionally qualify for nationals. Stelzer's jump was his second highest of his college career as he cleared 6'8.75" during the

indoor track season. Stelzer will be competing, along with junior 800 meter runner Brandon Howell, in the indoor national championship on March 9-10 in Terre Haute, Ind.

Whitworth also qualified seven men's 10,000 meter runners for conference with junior Jacob Deitz taking the race in 32:55.69.

On the women's side, Whitworth's only victories came from junior Kristen Dormaier in the long jump and freshman Jo E. Mayer in the 10,000 meter. Dormaier landed 15'6" from the end of the board, scoring a victory by more than an inch over George Fox's Jessica Brassard. Mayer ran 41:28 to edge junior teammate Shannon Newth who ran 41:50.68 in the 25-lap race. The Whitworth women tallied three second place finishes on top of Mayer's race.

Sophomore Mara Daugs launched 33' 1.75" in the triple jump, senior Suzy Vidulich tied for second in the high jump with a leap of 5'1" and junior Emily Hurd edged out a Willamette opponent with a 12:17.25 to place second in the 3,000 meter steeplechase.

Schwarz said every person on the team has the potential to qualify for conference, even with the addition of about thirty freshmen to the 70-person team. He said the teams to look out for in the Northwest Conference this year are the Willamette women and the Linfield men's team.

"That shows (Kemp's) work ethic and how hard he trains."

Toby Schwarz,
Track & Field coach

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Pirates show improvement in Tacoma

Colin Storm
Sports Editor

The Pirates won two of the three doubles matches to take an early 2-1 lead over Pacific Lutheran University looking like Whitworth might leave Tacoma with a team win last weekend.

But it was not to be, as the Lutes won four of the six singles matches to squeak out a 5-4 win over the visiting Pirates last Saturday.



SMITH

Junior Taryn Smith was one of the winners for the Pirates, as she swept through her four matches last weekend without a loss. She defeated Tracy Fujitani, sister of former teammate Sandy, 7-5, 6-4 at No. 5 singles.

Also winning for the Pirates was senior Betsy Johnson who took the Lutes' Ashley Coats in three sets 6-4, 6-7, (11-9).

Senior Rachael McCoola and sophomore Justine Hays both pushed their opponents to three sets before losing.

McCoola lost the first set 6-3 to Nicole Petzelka, but rebounded in the second 6-4 to force the final set. She lost 6-2 in the third. Hays lost the first set 6-0 as her opponent, Liz Currey, looked to secure the easy win. Hays displayed a tremendous comeback, defeating Currey in the second set 6-2. Currey came back to win the third set 6-3 for the Lutes.

Sophomore Linh Aven lost a tight match to Erkia Feltus at No. 1 singles by the score of 6-4, 6-4. Feltus is unbeaten in singles matches this season for PLU, but Aven gave Feltus one of her biggest scares on the season so far.

The match was the Pirates' second on the weekend. Last Friday, the Pirates took on the University of Puget Sound who came into the match 4-1.

Whitworth found a rough early going, losing two of the three doubles matches. Aven and senior Katie Troxell lost to Courtney Dunham and Alyssa Sidoff 8-3 at No. 1 doubles, while Johnson and McCoola lost to Katie Schultz and Katie Russell 8-6 at No. 2 doubles.

The lone doubles win came at No. 3 doubles where Smith and Hays teamed up for an 8-3 win over Sam Taylor and Christina Podlasky.

"We played awesome especially since last year when we traveled to Tacoma we didn't even win a match," Smith said.

Smith rode her momentum from the doubles win to a singles win, defeating Taylor 6-2, 6-3.

"Both teams we played were tough and had a lot of depth in their teams, but so do we," Smith said. "Next time around, knowing what were up against and on our own home turf, we are hoping to take PLU and even UPS."

Hays came the closest to picking up another victory for the Pirates at No. 6, forcing a third set against

Sports BRIEFS

Tar Heels cruise to sweep of rival Blue Devils

Sophomore Tyler Hansbrough scored 26 points and had 17 rebounds to go along his bloody lip after the North Carolina Tar Heels defeated rival Duke Blue Devils 86-72 last Sunday. The eighth-ranked Tar Heels completed a season sweep over the 14th-ranked Blue Devils to get coach Roy Williams his 100th win since taking over the UNC program four years ago. Greg Paulus had 21 points for Duke and Gerald Henderson added 16 points before being ejected for elbowing Hansbrough in the nose with 14.5 seconds left.

Green with envy: Tailback to join Texans

Tailback Ahman Green has left the Green Bay Packers to join the Houston Texans. The deal is believed to be a four-year contract worth \$23 million. Despite being 30-years-old, Green was one of the top choices for the Texans this off-season. Green played in 14 games and rushed for 1,059 yards and five touchdowns on 266 carries in 2006.

Sid the Kid youngest to 200 points in history

With a first period goal against the New York Rangers last Friday, the Pittsburgh Penguins phenom Sidney Crosby became the youngest player in NHL history to record 200 points in a career. Crosby, a 19-year-old in his second season, was already the youngest NHL player to start in the All-Star game.

Mavericks win streak at 15 for first time ever

Jason Terry had 29 points and 15 assists, while teammate Dirk Nowitzki added 24 points, nine rebounds and seven assists to lead the Dallas Mavericks to a 103-98 victory over the Orlando Magic last Friday night. With the win, the Mavericks extended their home win streak to 22 games and their overall win streak to 15 games.

After losing their first four games of the season, the Mavericks have responded by winning 50 of their next 55, leading to a 50-9 record. Dwight Howard had 25 points and 10 rebounds in the loss for the Magic. Dallas has won nine consecutive games against the Magic.

Compiled by Colin Storm

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Baseball

	NWC	ALL
L&C	5-0	5-4
UPS	3-0	4-5-1
Pacific	2-1	4-2
Whitworth	1-2	3-9
George Fox	0-0	6-0
PLU	0-0	7-3
Willamette	0-2	3-6
Linfield	0-3	3-6
Whitman	0-3	0-9

Next Pirate game:

Whitworth at Lewis & Clark (DH)
Saturday, March 10 @ Noon

Softball

	NWC	ALL
Whitworth	4-0	7-0
PLU	4-0	6-0
UPS	4-0	4-0
Linfield	3-1	3-1
Willamette	1-3	2-3
George Fox	0-4	2-10
L&C	0-4	1-10
Pacific	0-4	0-4

Next Pirate game:

Whitworth vs. PLU (DH)
Saturday, March 10 @ Noon

Men's Tennis

	NWC	ALL
Whitman	12-0	13-2
PLU	4-2	4-4
Linfield	6-3	7-7
L&C	2-2	2-2
UPS	3-6	3-7
George Fox	2-4	2-4
Whitworth	2-4	2-6
Willamette	2-5	2-6
Pacific	0-7	0-7

Next Pirate match:

Whitworth at Linfield
Friday, March 16 @ 5 p.m.

Women's Tennis

	NWC	ALL
Linfield	4-0	4-1
UPS	5-1	6-1
Whitman	4-2	6-3
PLU	4-2	4-2
L&C	3-3	3-4
Whitworth	2-4	2-4
Willamette	2-4	2-6
George Fox	1-4	1-5
Pacific	0-5	0-7

Next Pirate match:

Whitworth at Whitman
Friday, March 9 @ 2 p.m.Player of
THE WEEKScott Donnell
JuniorWon singles & doubles,
including clinching match

PIRATES

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On the first point, he hit his first serve into the net, then jammed Amland with his second, forcing Amland to mishit the ball just wide down the line. Donnell went up 30-Love when a tentative Amland mishit another return.

Up 40-Love, Donnell dropped two match points to make the score 40-30. After a long rally on the third match point, Amland rushed the net on an approach shot. Donnell hit a low forehand to Amland's backhand, that Amland volleyed wide to give Donnell and the Pirates their first regular season win over the Loggers in two years.

"I'm so proud of Scott Donnell," Aneagon said. "Not only did he come up with the goods in doubles, he pulled it together to get a tough three set win to clinch the match for us."

This win is the second in a row for the Pirates and improves their record to 2-4 in Northwest Conference play and 2-6 overall.

"I think we have finally hit our stride after a few bumps in the beginning," Donnell said.

The Pirates were going to host Whitman College and Pacific Lutheran University last Saturday, both nationally ranked teams, but those matches were rescheduled due to weather and lack of facilities.

The Pirates have next weekend off and will travel to Oregon in two weeks to play at Linfield College and Willamette University, a chance to avenge early-season losses.

"I know we will use this win against UPS as a springboard for the rest of the season. But we are not even half-way through it yet," Aneagon said. "We still have a lot of work left to do to get to the conference tournament."

BREAKING DOWN THE MATCHES



WHITWORTH vs. PUGET SOUND

Last Match

Pirates broke through beating UPS, a team they've upset two of the past three years at conference, a little earlier in the season than usual.

Final score:
5-4 Whitworth

Next Match

The Linfield Wildcats topped the Pirates, despite several close matches. The Pirates are on a roll and look to continue the hot playing in Oregon.

Last time they met:
9-0 Linfield

CONFERENCE BRIEFS

Men's Tennis

The 16th-ranked Whitman Missionaries were down 3-0 after the doubles matches against the 19th-ranked Pacific Lutheran University Lutes last Sunday. Stephen Ly pulled it to 3-1 with a win at No. 2, but PLU's Jeff Loranger made it 4-1 with a win at No. 3 singles. Whitman reeled off two wins at No. 4 singles at a three-set win by Phalkun Mam at No. 1 singles, before it came down to No. 5 and 6 singles. Dan Wilson made it 4-4 with a win at No. 6, then Whitman made the improbable comeback a reality when Christoph Fuchs won 7-6 (5), 6-2 at No. 5. After a half-hour lunch, the Missionaries took back to the courts to face Puget Sound. The Loggers took the No. 2 singles match, but won no more as Whitman took the team match 8-1.

Women's Tennis

The 21st-ranked Linfield Wildcats won their 67th straight NWC match last Sunday when they defeated the Willamette Beareats 8-1. The Wildcats' All-Americans, seniors Becca Johnson and Megan Rodgers easily won their matches at No. 1 and 2 singles and teamed up at No. 1 doubles to win 8-3. Super-freshmen Sallie Katter and Jeanna Parks combined for an easy 8-2 win at No. 2 doubles. Katter and Parks both easily won their singles matches as well.

IMPROVEMENT: Pirates almost upset PLU

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Wong. After splitting to tiebreakers in the first and second set, they played a super-tiebreaker for the third set. Wong ended up winning 7-6, 6-7, (1).

Aven lost the first set at No. 1 6-2, then pushed Dunham to the limit in the second set where it took a tiebreaker to decide the second set. Dunham won the tiebreaker 7-5.

"Throughout this season, we have definitely seen a huge amount of progression and even though our record doesn't show a whole lot, almost each of our matches has been

close," Smith said.

The Pirates will play three matches this weekend in Walla Walla where they will seek to improve their 2-4 record.

NEXT MATCH

Whitworth vs.
Whitman

Date: March 9
Time: 2 p.m.
Location: Walla
Walla, Wash.

3 overall. The Pacific Boxers enter the weekend with a record of 0-5 in NWC play and 0-7 overall.

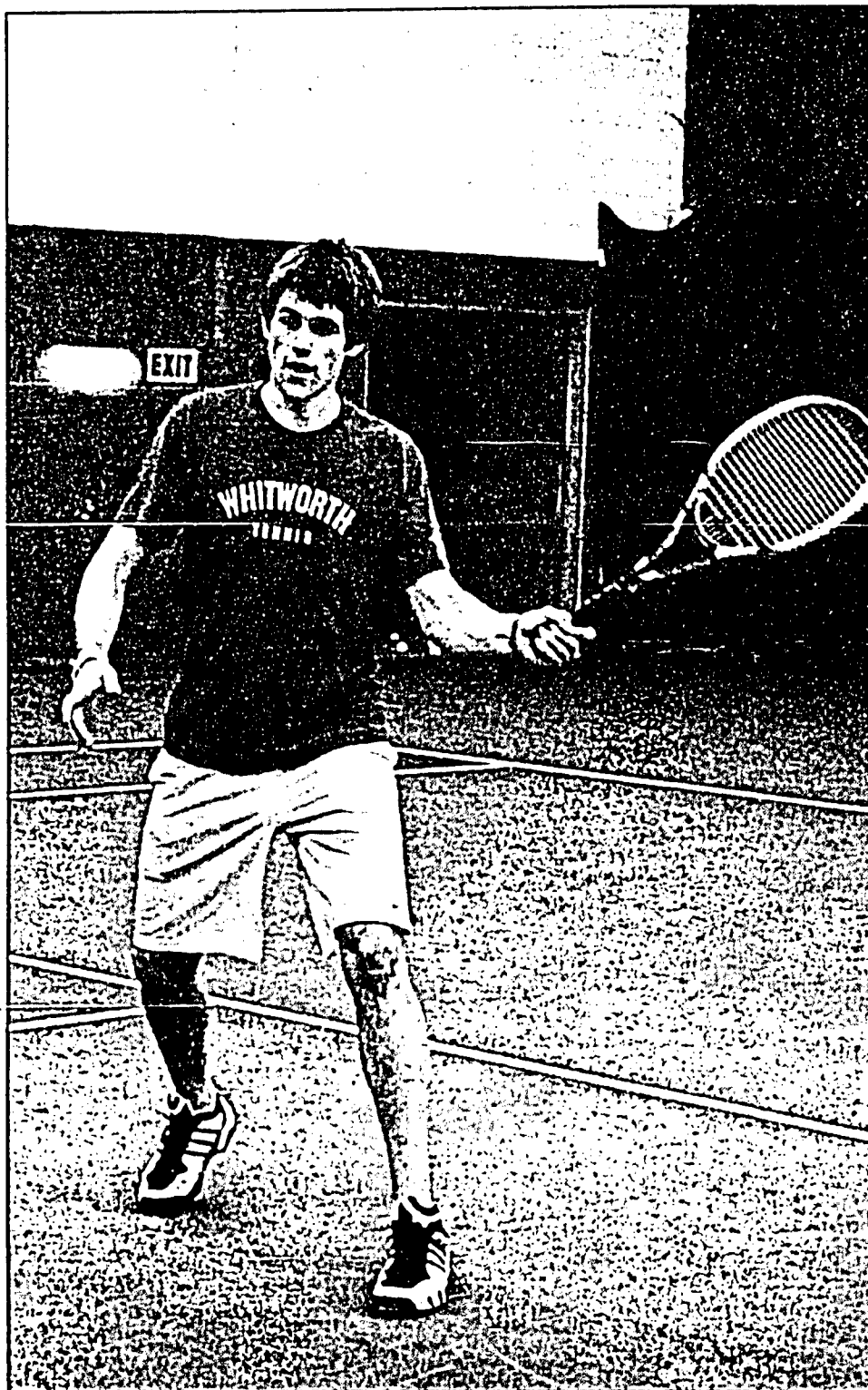


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Junior Scott Donnell hits a forehand volley during warmups prior to his match at No. 1 doubles with junior Ed Aneagon. Donnell and Aneagon won 8-6, then each won their singles match to complete a come-from-behind 5-4 victory over the Puget Sound Loggers last Friday.

SONICS: NBA already treading on thin ice

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Oh, and don't think that there won't be any outcry amongst the Storm's substantial lesbian fan base.

Now, clearly it is the constitutional right of these men to support whatever cause they want. That does not need to be disputed. The idea of public debate is so inherent to American culture and policy that any moral judgment of this overtly harmless, if not misguided, action would be unfair.

But that misses the point.

See, Seattle is facing a gut check right now. Do they do what it takes to support the Sonics, their oldest franchise? Or do they support what is considered, at least in this left-leaning area, an issue of civil rights?

And what of the NBA? How will the league manage their image if an owner's stance against homosexuality becomes the reason for the departure of one of their older teams?

It will be tough, as the league is already

treading choppy water these days, no thanks to the ignorant statements of ex-NBA player Tim Hardaway.

But when Killer-Cross got cross on gays, David Stern was able to give a, well, stern response.

Two weeks ago he defused a potential hot-button situation by disowning the statements of Hardaway. It will be interesting to see if he can do the same with the guys cutting him checks.

I know what you're thinking. There is a difference between not supporting homosexual marriage and outright discrimination. That is why Tim Hardaway's actions cannot be considered to be the same as Aubrey McClendon and Tom Ward's.

But that is not the concern.

If the Washington legislature uses this as their political soapbox, it will not matter how different or similar their actions were.

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Homosexuality will become an issue that sports fans cannot escape.

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GAME 1

Williams' buzzer-beating three-pointer gives Pirates the win over Tigers in OT

Colin Storm
Sports Editor

After hitting clutch shots in a win his freshman year over Lewis & Clark, now-senior guard Bryan Williams shook the Pioneers coach's hand. Williams was told, not-so-subtly, that he is a clutch — well, you can fill in the rest.

Last Friday, Williams proved those words still ring true.

In what threatened to be his final game, Williams hit a buzzer-beating three-pointer in overtime to boost the Whitworth Pirates to a 62-59 win over the DePauw Tigers.

The Pirates were out-rebounded, missed more than their share of buckets inside the paint and missed free throw opportunities down the stretch to put the Tigers away, but DePauw found an answer for every Pirate miss.

But they could never break through.

The Pirates were never behind and were only tied up five times during the 45 minute game, three of which came in the extra period.

Senior James Jones paced the Pirates with 18 points and 10 rebounds and

junior Ryan Symes added 15 points, five of which came in the extra period and contributed seven boards.

The Tigers were led by Austin Brown who scored 15 points in the loss.

The Pirates took an eight point lead at 36-28 into halftime, after a first half that saw them shoot 60 percent from the floor, while holding the Tigers to 37 percent. The Tigers stayed close through three-pointers (seven in the first half) and offensive boards (six in the first half).

Whitworth came out of the locker room at halftime shooting blanks, as they only scored five points in the first 12 minutes of the second half. Yet they never trailed though their struggles.

Jones hit a three-pointer with a little over four minutes left to build a seven-point lead for the

Pirates. Brown answered with a three of his own just seconds later. Once again, Jones answered back for the Pirates, hitting another clutch bucket to put Whitworth back up by seven with under two minutes left.

Junior Ryan Symes stole



Lionel Subchart Student Life

Senior Bryan Williams hit the game-winning three-pointer against DePauw last Friday. The Pirates could not repeat the magic, losing to Washington University on Saturday.

the ball for the Pirates and was fouled. Symes went to the line to clinch the game, but missed a pair of free throws. Matt McDonald hit a basket and was fouled by Whitworth with over a minute left. He went to the line and hit the free throw.

Junior Colin Willemssen missed a layup, followed up by two misses by the Tigers. Once again the Pirates had a chance to seal the game when Jones stepped to the line, but he missed the front end of a one-and-one.

After a Brian Oilar three-pointer for the Tigers, senior Jon Young missed the front end of a one-and-one,

which kept the score at 51-50. With seven seconds left, Williams was whistled for a foul that sent Mike Moore to the line, where he hit one free throw to send the game into overtime.

The Pirates struck first when Symes hit a bucket and was fouled, where he completed the three point play. The Tigers' Reid Sakel matched Symes with his own three-point play.

At 59-59, the Pirates got the ball for one last possession. After a mad scramble, Jones found Williams out on the left side for a buzzer-beating three pointer Williams knew was in the moment he let it go.

GAME 2

Lightning did not strike twice

Colin Storm
Sports Editor

Basketball analysts often preach that free throws make and break teams in the playoffs. That proved to be accurate last Saturday, as the Whitworth Pirates fell to the Washington University of St. Louis Bears 63-61 in the second round of the Division III tournament.

The Pirates had a chance to tie and even win the game at the line, but came up short while the Bears used the charity strip to remain in the game during their first half struggles from the field.

For the second night in a row, the Pirates got off to a hot start, outscoring the hosts 7-2 to start the ball game. First round hero, senior Bryan Williams, hit a three-pointer and senior post Kevin Hasenfus hit back-to-back buckets to build the five point lead.

After junior Colin Willemssen scored a basket to build a 15-8 lead, Pirates coach Jim Hayford tried to call a timeout, but the Bears had already inbounded the ball. Phil Syvertsen missed a three-pointer, then Williams hit a three-pointer to extend the lead to 10 with 8:14 left in the first half.

The Bears answered after a timeout with a three-pointer of their own to cut the lead to seven. Eventually the Bears would cut the lead to three when Nick Nikitas hit a three-pointer to tie the game at 20-20 with 4:32 left in the half.

Willemssen hit a bucket and was fouled. He hit a free throw to build back a three point lead for the Pirates. The Bears answered back with two free throws and a bucket right before halftime to take a 24-23 lead into intermission.

With the score tied at 28, junior Ryan Symes and senior James Jones hit back-to-back baskets to build a 32-28 lead. Syvertsen answered with a three-pointer to cut the lead to one, a lead the Pirates would never get back.

Tyler Nading hit a layup to regain the lead for the Bears, who within four minutes had built an eight-point lead.

The Pirates made a run with under eight minutes remaining behind a two point bucket from Hasenfus, followed by a three-pointer from Jones with a defender in his face. The Pirates were within five with 6:27 left when Jones went to the line after being fouled on a three-pointer, with a chance to bring the Pirates within two. But Jones missed all three free throws, then Nading hit a jumper and, just like that, the Bears were up seven.

A layup from Symes with 1:56 remaining brought the Pirates within one at 60-58. The Bears tried to respond with a three-pointer, but Nikitas missed and Washington's Troy Ruths fouled Symes who went to the line with a chance to tie the game.

Symes missed the front end of a one-and-one. The Bears got the rebound, but the Williams stole the ball back to give Whitworth another chance. Williams drove and shot with 38 seconds left, a short shot that rimmed out.

Nikitas was fouled on the other end of the floor with 30 seconds left, where he hit the basket and the ensuing free throw to build a five point lead.

Williams and Willemssen missed three-pointers, then Symes missed a layup. The ball went out of bounds to the Pirates, who called a timeout. Coming out of the timeout, Symes hit a deep three-pointer and the Pirates immediately fouled.

The Bears' Sean Wallis, an 84 percent free throw shooter, missed both and senior Jon Young pulled down the rebound. He threw a pass to Williams who missed a 28-foot three-pointer that was online, just a few inches short to end the game and Whitworth's season.

Listening on the radio just does not cut it

Colin Storm
Sports Editor

Bob Castle and Steve Flegel: You did a fine job last weekend covering the games on the radio, so please excuse me when I say this.

I never want to hear your voices on the radio again. Never have I been so nervous during a game.

See, it is not you, nor your voices, personalities or anything else. It is the fact that you were at a game, some 1,900 miles away, while I was sitting (actually I was standing most of the time) with my housemates hanging on every word.

When Bryan Williams slipped and fell on the opening play of the opening game against DePauw University, I thought to my-

self: "Shoot, I can't be there to support my buddy though the biggest game of his college career while he's playing on an old, wet gym somewhere in the middle of the country. All I can do is sit here and listen."

When we led 36-28 at half, I let out a little sigh of relief knowing we were somewhat in control of the game. I had the same reaction when senior James Jones hit a three-pointer with just under two minutes left to seal the game. Or so I thought.

I was standing with my roommates when we missed four heart-wrenching free throws to clinch the game at the end of regulation.

And needless to say, massive hugs were exchanged when Castle's almost inaudible

call of the final seconds of overtime meant we knew something good had happened. Only seconds later did we find out Williams hit the buzzer-beating three-pointer. But that wasn't enough torture for me, I guess.

The next night, last Saturday, I had to put myself through the same ups and downs. This time I knew our opponents had a large crowd on their side. And once again, I'm pacing around our living room, talking strategy with my housemates.

The same routines for good luck, but a different outcome for the Pirates. I thought we had the game when Castle announced that junior Ryan Symes had hit a three-pointer over halfway into the first half to build a 10-point lead for Whitworth before a silent Washington University crowd. I could even imagine Symes hitting the same shot I have

seen him hit before.

Unfortunately, the last eight minutes probably took a few years off my life.

After missing free throw after free throw, layup after layup, I didn't know if I could listen to the last few minutes of the game. But then I would have missed out on the almost improbable comeback that fell just inches short of a miracle run to the Sweet 16, which is something I've been waiting for since 1998.

In the end, my housemate Sean's hand-made dry erase marker scoreboard on our mirror read: Whitworth 61, Sinners 63.

So forgive me, Bob and Steve, when I say I never want to hear your voices on the radio again. I don't think I can put myself through that again.

Next time I'll have to make the trip.



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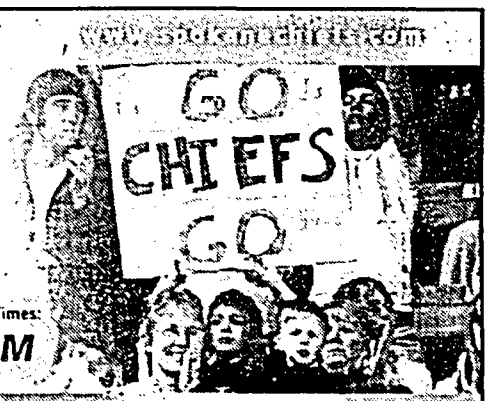
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ABOVE: Raining Jane member Mai Bloomfield plays the cello at the concert on Wednesday.

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BELOW: Students play Apples to Apples in the Warren lounge last Saturday.

Katie Alamine Whitworthian

STUDENT LIFE

During the week of Feb. 26, students rocked out with visiting artist Raining Jane, socialized with friends and observed the crazy Spokane weather.

TOP RIGHT: Juniors Jessica McCurry and Katy Clark concentrate on a game of chess in the Mind and Hearth after classes last Thursday.

Tyler Zuck Whitworthian

BELOW RIGHT: A raindrop splashes as snow melts in December.

Photo courtesy of Tyler Raub

RIGHT: Hall falls in the loop last Tuesday.

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BOTTOM LEFT: Freshmen Scarlet Ponder and Kelsey Frank add facial features to a snowman they built in front of Stewart Hall last Wednesday.

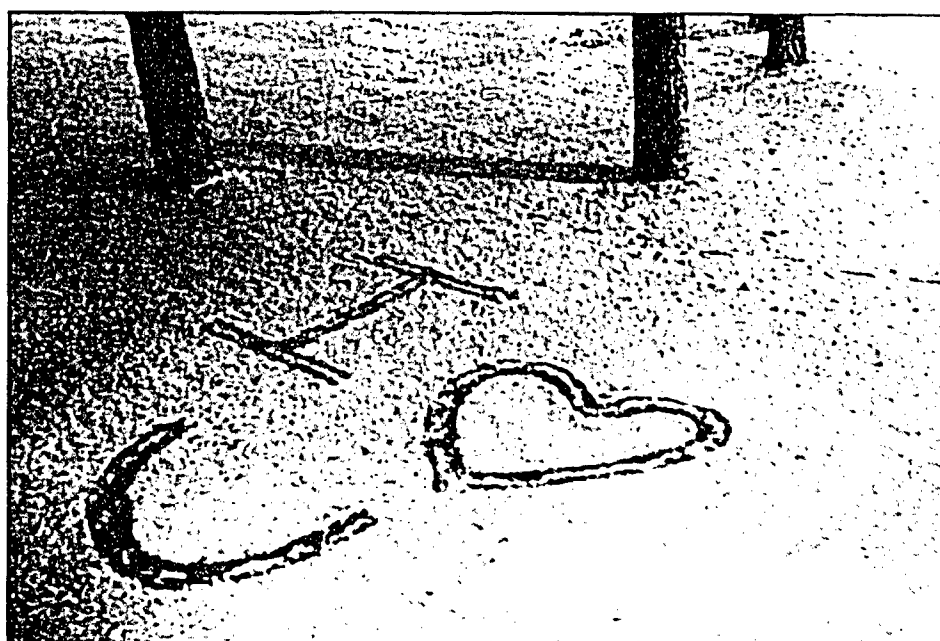
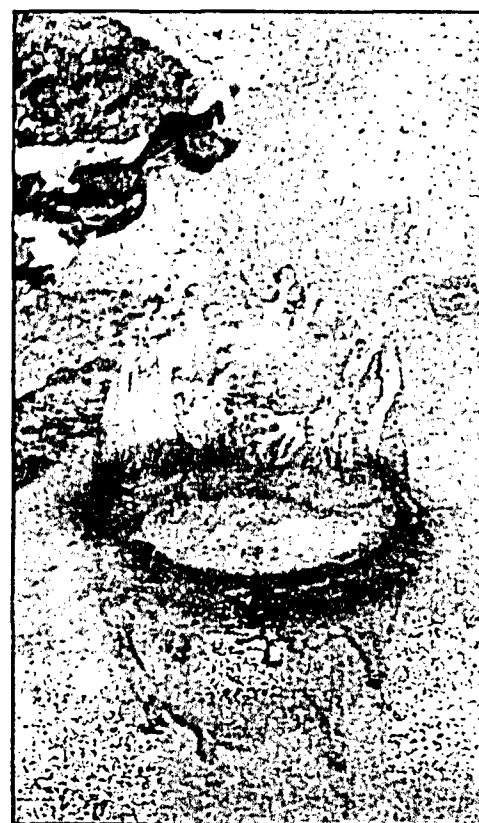
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BELOW LEFT: Senior Anna McCollough and Juniors Shannon Newth and Amy Scott drink tea in Duvall Hall last Wednesday.

Katie Alamine Whitworthian

BOTTOM RIGHT: A love note graces the lawn in front of Stewart Hall last Wednesday.

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your finances
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Softball sweeps PLU
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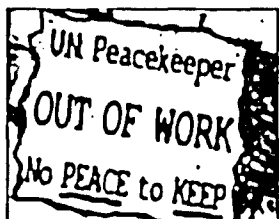
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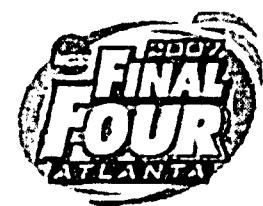
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Pedro the Lion goes solo

Dave Bazan releases first
solo album, stops at Whit-
worth on promotional tour.

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March Madness begins Thursday

Our experts pick a cham-
pion and bracket buster, see
how they do this weekend.

WORD FOR WORD

*"I'm going to do a lot
of fishing"*

- Ed Nabors

A Georgia truck driver who won
half the \$390 million jackpot, the
largest lottery prize in the history
of the United States

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Students turn down zones

Rosa Gibbons
Staff writer

Around 450 students voted on three
proposals brought to the student body
by ASWC last week.

Students approved a propo-
sal to remove the section of
the ASWC constitution
dealing with the composition
of the review board.

Executive Vice President
Andrea Naccarato explained
ASWC wanted to change this
section so instead of having a
generic review board for any
member, the review board for
a particular member would
be composed of people who
understand the nature of his
or her position. For instance,
if a media member of ASWC
was under review, then part
of the composition of the re-
view board would be another
member of the media.

ASWC first had to remove
the composition section of
the constitution, and put
the vote to the student body
because all changes to the
constitution must be student-
approved. Since it passed,
ASWC will now make the
necessary revisions in its
by-laws. Changes to by-laws
can be approved with a two-
thirds vote in ASWC.

Sophomore Tyler Ham-
ilton volunteered to be the
student-at-large on the zoning proposal
subcommittee.

"I think that it is a good idea over-
all," Hamilton said. He added that

people who knew more about the situ-
ation would be valuable to the review
board.

Students also voted to pass a propos-
al to change the name of the Associ-
ated Students of Whitworth
College to the Associated
Students of Whitworth Uni-
versity.

Students failed the second
proposal, which would have
reorganized student repre-
sentation based on zones.

Senators would have
been eliminated, and repre-
sentatives would have been
elected according to six on-
campus zones, with three
off-campus representatives
and one representative for
each graduating class. This
would have reduced the
number of voting members
from 18 to 13.

Naccarato said she did
not think anyone on ASWC
knew whether the proposal
would pass or fail. After
the proposal came to them,
ASWC sent it to subcom-
mittee before it came back
for a vote.

"We were careful to vote
to send the proposal to stu-
dents, and not to immedi-
ately pass it," Naccarato said.
"That was our first priority;
we could have come up with
our own idea, but we wanted
to know what the students

wanted."

Some students were specifically con-

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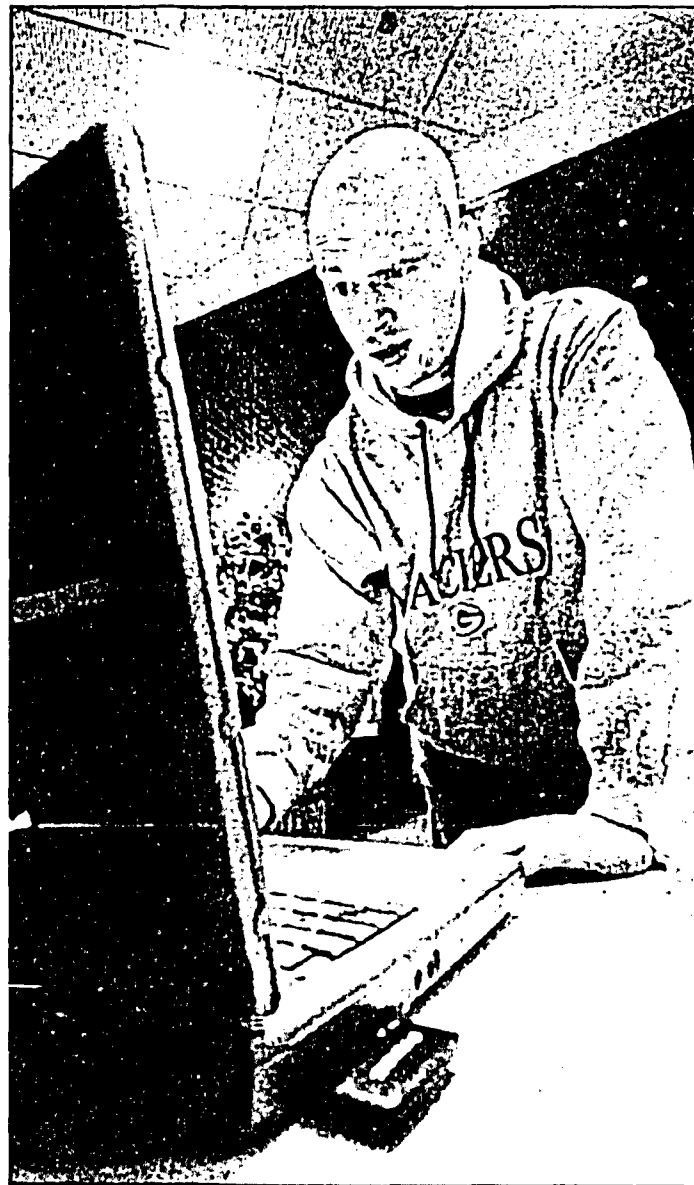
VOTING RESULTS

Official votes
cast on the
March 5 ballot

ISSUE 1
Change ASWC
to ASWU
386
voted yes
71
voted no

ISSUE 2
Switch from
senators to zones
163
voted yes
294
voted no

ISSUE 3
Remove Review
Board
specifications
267
voted yes
190
voted no
Information courtesy
of ASWC



Thomas Robinson Whitworthian

Senior Walt Helmick votes online in the HUB on the three differ-
ent constitutional proposals, two of which passed last week.

Grade inflation emerges in last decade

James Spung
Staff writer

Graduating from col-
lege with honors has al-
ways been considered a
testament to a student's
comprehension, ability and
even his or her intelligence.
Many students strive for
four years to achieve the
coveted cum laude status
at the end of their senior
year.

But what happens when
more than half of graduat-
ing students are wearing
honors cords around their
necks when they walk?

"It clouds our ability to
talk about what academic
excellence really is," said
Michael Le Roy, vice
president of academic af-
fairs. "If everybody's ex-
cellent, what does it really
mean?"

Grade inflation, or the

artificial increase in overall
grade-point averages, has
been a significant problem
at colleges and universities
around the nation, Le Roy
said. Whitworth is finding
that it may have a problem
of its own.

According to the Office
of Institutional Research,
the average student GPA
for last year's graduates
was 3.47, more than a fifth
of a grade point higher
than graduating students in
1996, who earned an aver-
age of 3.24.

Moreover, 50 percent of
last year's students were
earning a GPA above 3.54.
The top 25 percent of the
Class of 1996 had a GPA
of 3.57—the median GPA
was only 3.25.

Essentially, half of the
students on campus are
earning a GPA achieved by
only 25 percent of gradu-

STUDENT GRADE POINT AVERAGES

A comparison between graduating classes of 1996
and 2006 shows an increase in grade points.

	Graduating Class of 1996	Graduating Class of 2006
Average GPA	3.24	3.47
Median GPA	3.25	3.54
75th Percentile	3.57	3.79

Information courtesy of the Office of Institutional Research

ates 10 years ago.

"It could be that our
students are more capa-
ble," said Pamela Corpron
Parker, associate professor
of English and English de-
partment chair. "I've been
here for 10 years, and I'd
say we're getting good stu-
dents, but I don't know if
they're drastically differ-
ent from the students be-
fore them."

If students are more
adept, faculty members
should be responding with

more challenging material,
said Craig Tsuchida, asso-
ciate professor of biology
and biology department
chair.

"Professors at a small
college have to look at the
rigor in their courses and
keep themselves account-
able," Tsuchida said.

Making blanket state-
ments as to the causes of
grade inflation is difficult
because various depart-
ments have diverse internal
cultures and assess their

students in different ways,
Parker said.

"The fact that [grade
inflation is] a nationwide
thing suggests that there
are cultural things in-
volved, like expectations
that young people have of
institutions that they didn't
used to have," Tsuchida
said.

Student tuition may also
be a factor in grade infla-
tion.

"Higher tuition rates
sometimes increase stu-
dents' expectation that they
should get a higher return
on their investments in the
form of higher grades,"
Parker said. "Unfortunately,
higher grades don't al-
ways indicate higher levels
of learning. Sometimes it's
the opposite."

Whatever the causes,
there is no question that

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Nate Chute/Whitworthian

Professor of English Vic Bobb lectures to his American Literature: Eras and Modes class in the basement of Alder Hall last week.

Faculty-to-student ratio sustained

Candace Pontoni
Staff writer

The number of students per faculty has not risen in the face of Whitworth's strategic plan for 2005-10, which includes a 2 percent increase of student acceptance per year.

Administrators plan to maintain the current student-to-faculty ratio throughout Whitworth's transition from college to university and after the shift is complete.

Michael Le Roy, dean of faculty, said few changes will be made to Whitworth's academic program.

"The switch to a university will have nothing to do with student-to-faculty ratio or class sizes," Le Roy said. "It'd be a disaster in my mind if we changed what we call a 'high-touch educational experience,' in which students and faculty interact a lot. We want this experience to get better, not worse."

To keep the current balance of student-to-faculty, the Strategic Plan also includes the gradual addition of more faculty members.

Gary Whisenand, the director of institutional research at Whitworth, said the administration has added three new faculty positions for next year in order to balance the number of incoming students.

"Over the last couple of years, we've created about 2 to 3 positions a year," Whisenand said. "For the last 12 years we've been

continually increasing the size of our faculty."

Victor Bobb, an English professor at Whitworth, said the administration plans to keep the number of students low in relation to the number of faculty in order to allow professors to continue to have ample time to spend with each student.

"We've talked for several years about how much we can allow the size of the freshman class to creep up," Bobb said. "These kinds of questions have been discussed thoughtfully, knowledgeably, and carefully, and we have allowed for a small incremental growth."

Administrators are also considering the retention of small classroom sizes a fundamental part of Whitworth's transition.

"One of our goals is to keep the majority of class sizes under 20, and we're doing really well at it," Le Roy said. "Class size is a better indicator of what student experience is actually like."

Whitworth's annual 10-day report shows an increase in classes of 10 to 19 students, and a decrease in classes with larger amounts of students.

Adam Hewitt, a senior math major, said he is satisfied with the number of professors at Whitworth. His adviser, associate professor of

math and computer science Donna Pierce, is typically available despite her increased involvement in the math department.

"I've noticed a small increase in the size of the student body. But the professors always have adequate time for us," Hewitt said.

Bobb, who has been an adviser for the majority of his 21 years at Whitworth, said the amount of time professors spend with their students is dictated by the students.

"The question of student/faculty interaction is up to the student, and if the student wants access to his or her professor, I think it's almost always available," Bobb said. "The Whitworth faculty interacts with their students to an extraordinary degree."

The Whitworth administration strives to ensure availability of professors, Whisenand said.

"Whitworth is really trying to stay on top of the student-to-faculty ratio," Whisenand said. "We want to make sure that we do have the right number of faculty in the classrooms."

The outcome of the student-to-faculty ratio depends on what type of computation is used, Whisenand said.

"There are a number of different formulas used. Under the guide-

lines of the common data set, the current student-to-faculty ratio is 12-to-1," Whisenand said. "Another formula is based on internal guidelines that we use to gauge a faculty member's contract."

The internal guideline considers part-time and adjunct faculty members as less than one. Part-time teachers may be counted as .6 or lower under the system, and full-time professors who are not advisers are counted as .9, Whisenand said.

Bobb believes the administration is doing an excellent job balancing the size of the student body with the number of professors, and at gradually hiring more professors to off-set the increasing size of each incoming freshman class.

"The increase in enrollment is something we're very conscience of," Bobb said. "It's very much something that we have to consider when we're making our plans and setting out our curriculum."

Despite these adjustments, Le Roy said, no major internal changes have been made at Whitworth.

"If people are looking for us to make huge changes to the academic program because of the switch to university, then they're going to be disappointed," Le Roy said. "We're going to keep on doing what we have been doing, which is try to have small class sizes, try to take care of students and offer a really high quality education."

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Whitworth Speaks OUT

What role do you think the SATs/ACTs should have in college admissions decisions?



Garrett Young
Sophomore

"I think it should be based on the whims of admissions."



Josh Winskill
Sophomore

"I don't think SATs really define all that you've learned, all that you know."



Rachel Johnson
Junior



Mandi Curtin
Junior

"SATs and ACTs don't have much to offer. I think GPA shows overall performance better."

Compiled by James Spung and Caroline Davis

Students raise concerns about article

Tim Takechi
Staff writer

An ASWC subcommittee made up of volunteers will explore issues dealing with race relations on campus, according to the March 7 ASWC minutes.

The subcommittee will be formed to work in conjunction with the Black Student Union ACTION Team, Executive Vice President Andrea Naccarato said. An ASWC representative who attended the ACTION Team meeting last weekend will bring a report to ASWC on what action the subcommittee should take at this Wednesday's meeting at 5 p.m. in the HUB Conference room B.

Whitworthian reporters were welcome as students because the meeting was open to the student body, but were not permitted to report on the ACTION Team meeting.

Approximately 40 students-at-large attended the ASWC meeting on March 7 to voice their concerns about how The Whitworthian approached and covered the article. It dealt with how three incidents involving a Christmas party, offensive posters in Warren Hall and an ASWC meeting still remained unresolved and indicate race relation problems on campus.

The meeting started with intramurals coordinator Eric Fredriksen giving a devotional on unity, instead of reading the traditional quote of the day.

ASWC President Fa'ana Fanene expressed her disappointment at the negative reactions the article invoked from students on both sides of the issue. She said both white and minority students have been hurt by comments made by the article and other students.

"When people's emotions, feelings and identities are put in a light that is not fully representative, it leads to community breakdown," Fanene said.

Fanene said community breakdown is not what student leaders want for students and the school.

Sophomore Michelle Bess and junior Shaina Western delivered a written statement articulating two main issues they had with The Whitworthian's news coverage. They said the

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article read more like a "gossip column" than a thorough investigation, and the story was one-sided, portraying minority students as the offenders.

The statement also said the article never called for the reader to question why the students did what they did and why the posters were offensive in the first place.

Senior Sha'nay McQuirter, whose is featured in the article, said she was misinformed about the focus of the story. She said an e-mail was sent to her from a Whitworthian staff writer apologizing to her.

McQuirter said ASWC and the campus community should work together to investigate the situation and find out where things went wrong.

"I ask you to join to take action and prevent actions from happening in the future," McQuirter said.

Senior and ASWC cultural events coordinator Delia Orosco suggested ASWC should appoint a review board to conduct research on Whitworthian policies and issues with race relations.

"I think what we need to do is develop some type of task force. If people want to get something off their chest if they can," Orosco said. "We need people to research this and find the facts."

Members of ASWC questioned The Whitworthian's motives behind publishing the article. Senior off-campus representative Sarah Brogden-Thome, who said in the meeting her home was the location of the Christmas party mentioned in the article, said her reputation and that of her family have come into question ever since the article was released on Tuesday.

"[The Whitworthian] let this happen. You printed it so it causes controversy and does not portray Whitworth in a light that is good,"

Brogden-Thome said.

Brogden-Thome said 10 people came up to her this week and asked if her family is racist. She said she is deeply hurt by such accusations.

Senior Denice Randle said The Whitworthian had an agenda set before setting up the interviews with the students in the article.

"Before this article was written someone made up in their mind how it would be," Randle said.

Senior Peter Smelser, editor-in-chief of The Whitworthian, read a statement where he said he would not comment on any specific story, but would answer questions about Whitworthian policy. He also said students can write letters to the editor that can be published in next week's issue. The Whitworthian has unlimited space to publish letters online.

Smelser posted an official statement on The Whitworthian Web site stating the newspaper stands by the accuracy of the article. According to the statement, The Whitworthian published the story with the intent of bringing the issue of race relations on campus directly to the students because administrators were not taking enough action on the incidents.

Fredriksen said it was difficult for him to take any sides in the issue. He spoke of the importance of looking at incidents in context and focusing on the intent behind what happened.

"I feel the editors were trying to report the facts and trying to bring an issue up that had to be brought up," Fredriksen said.

Fredriksen talked about the poster hung in Warren Hall that portrayed a black sheep standing out amidst a flock of white sheep. The "black sheep" expression is an American folklore metaphor that has no racial intentions, Fredriksen said.

Fanene said this is an issue that needs to be in dialogue, according to the minutes.

"Issues like this don't get solved by accusing people," Fanene said, according to the ASWC minutes. "I could give lists of what I have been offended by, but for the future of our school, we need to ask, 'where are you called to bridge those gaps?'"

— Jessica Davis contributed to this report

World BRIEFS

Celebration marks birthday of bin Laden

Pledges of alliance, video and pictures flooded Islamic Web sites this week in celebration of Osama bin Laden's 50th birthday. Messages of support from followers reinforced bin Laden's importance as a militant symbol and leader despite the absence of his presence. Photos and video of past military action were posted by users along with poems of dedication.

Man mugs 101-year-old woman for only \$33

A 101-year-old woman was attacked and robbed in the lobby of her Queens apartment Sunday, March 4th. The woman suffered a fractured cheekbone. Police believe the suspect also attacked a second elderly woman in the same neighborhood later that day.

The victim of the first attack, Rose Morat, was leaving for church when she met the man. The attack was caught on a security camera placed in the lobby of Morat's building. The man offered to help both elderly women he met before attacking them and stealing their purses.

Iran proposes nuclear defense program

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad wants to present his case for a nuclear power program before the United Nations Security Council. The United Nations is currently debating new sanctions on Iran for its refusal to suspend uranium enrichment. Ahmadinejad has not made a formal request but it is projected it will be difficult to deny him the opportunity if he makes a request for an appearance.

Iran has rejected United Nations demands that it halt enrichment of uranium. The country insists its nuclear program is peaceful and its goal is energy production. The United States and European allies have expressed concern that Iran's real goal is the production of nuclear weapons.

Several dead in Chinese flood of coal mine

At least 22 people died and seven went missing after a mine in northeast China flooded. A Chinese news agency described the mine as one of the 45 most dangerous coal mines in China. The country's coal mines are considered the world's most dangerous.

Compiled by Leah Motz

SAT/ACT scores optional for '08 class

Branden Cate
Staff writer

Starting in 2008, Whitworth will not require SAT or ACT scores in the application process for incoming students. Instead, an admissions interview will need to be completed.

The admissions department has decided to join a number of liberal arts colleges throughout the nation who have made the same decision, including Bates College (the first college to implement the decision in 1984), Lewis & Clark, and Franklin and Marshall College.

Dean of enrollment services Fred Pfursich said the decision will be beneficial to Whitworth and potential new students, as it gives those who are excellent students but poor SAT or ACT test takers the chance to still include

Whitworth in their decision making process.

The college will be able to enroll exceptional students, regardless of a poor score on one standardized test, Pfursich said.

"We think we'll be able to do a more complete evaluation of good students who may have been disadvantaged at this point," Pfursich said.

Pfursich said there are a number of students who may not be able to take the test more than once, pay for preparation courses, buy prep books, hire a tutor, etc.

"A high school GPA is a better indication of success than an SAT," Pfursich said. "It puts us in a position to evaluate a student in a little different way, without having to, in a sense, penalize them if they've done everything great but just have a lower than expected

standardized test. We've come to the conclusion that (using the SAT or ACT as the main deciding factor) may not be the best way to make an admissions decision."

Pfursich said the decision was not made in order to get Whitworth higher on U.S. News' "Best Colleges" list.

Pfursich said that the standardized test scores are still important, as they will be required right before students matriculate in the summer, so the school can have the scores on file. They will also be used during the advising process and course registration placement process.

In addition, SAT and ACT test scores will still be required to qualify for the Mind and Heart Academic Scholarship, the Presidential Academic Scholarship and the Trustee Academic Scholarship.

SAT/ACT Statistics

730

number of colleges and universities around the nation that no longer require SAT/ACT scores for admission

15-20

estimated percentage of future Whitworth applicants who will choose not to submit SAT/ACT scores

0.1 percent

difference in graduation rates at Bates College between those who submitted their test scores and those who didn't

Information courtesy of www.fairtest.org, www.npr.org and The Seattle Times

ZONES: Students pass two of three proposals

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cerned about Zone one, which would have grouped Ballard, McMillan and Schumacher Halls under one representative. McMillan resident assistant Ozzie Crocco said while he thought the change would work for bigger dorms, he felt it took away from the identity of the small dorms.

"I think it sounded good theoretically, and that it would simplify things for ASWC, give them more money," Crocco said. "But I think it would have led to less personal representation."

Crocco also said he was concerned each representative would only have one program. The RAs in Ballard, McMillan and Schumacher would have to take on the Mac Haunted House, as well as any

programs that Ballard or Schumacher wanted to do.

Hamilton said he felt the zoning was a change ASWC would need as Whitworth continues to grow.

"It looks to the future, with the college growing," Hamilton said. "Because it wasn't changed now, I think it will need to be changed in the future."

Hamilton said the main goal of the proposal was to give equal representation to all students, and that the issue would have to be brought up again.

As the constitution stands now, while Schumacher has 20 residents and Duvall has approximately 160, the representative from each dorm has the same voting power.

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Campus BRIEFS

Campus climate survey begins this week

The campus cultural climate survey will begin this week. The survey is administered by professor of English Doug Sugano. The survey is voluntary and distributed mainly through professors in classes.

The results of the survey will be analyzed by Sugano's Multicultural American Literature class. The class will then write an analysis summary for the entire campus to read. The survey has been administered the past two years. The entire project is a five-year process.

Staged reading of award-winning play Wednesday

A staged reading of T.S. Eliot's Nobel prize-winning play "Murder in the Cathedral" will be held this Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Hixson Union Building Multipurpose room. The event is free to Whitworth students, staff and community members. For more information contact Amy Bernard.

Lecture to focus on modern Iran this Thursday

Shahzad Sadari will present a lecture titled "The New, Modern Iran" this Thursday. The lecture will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Weyerhaeuser Robinson Teaching Theatre. Sadari is the founder and international facilitator, trainer and consultant for Sadari & Associates.

Her experience includes 15 years assisting organizations, teams and individuals become more effective in achieving their business goals.

Pedro the Lion to visit campus this week

Seattle songwriter David Bazan, known mostly for his tenure with Pedro the Lion, is touring to support his solo debut EP. The album titled "Fewer Moving Parts" finds Bazan performing and recording each track in his home studio. His album features his signature song writing, voice and melodies framed in layered harmonies and multi-tracked guitars.

Bazan was recently named number 85 in Paste Magazine's list of Top 100 Living Songwriters. He will perform this Thursday at 9 p.m. in the HUB Multipurpose Room. The event is free for students, \$10 admission for general public.

Compiled by Leah Motz

Social network site utilized to raise awareness

Candace Pontoni
Hannah Whitsel
Staff writers

Before the vote on the proposed ASWC constitutional amendment last week, some students used a Facebook event page to advocate against the second proposal.

Sophomore Isaac Lutz, senator of McMillan Hall, said the Facebook group was created as a way to inform students about the negative effects that the proposal would have on BSchMac and BoSTiki.

"My constituents really did not like the proposal, and there was a gathering of momentum against it," Lutz said. "Eventually, as a result of this, the Facebook event was formed."

Sophomore Jesse Prichard, a McMillan resident, stated on the Facebook event page the initiative would create unbalanced representation.

"I didn't feel someone could equally represent Ballard, and McMillan and Schumacher," Prichard said. "Not just because they're different gender communities, but Schumacher residents have different opinions than Ballard residents, who have different opinions from McMillan residents. And the same

goes with Stewart and Bopell."

Sophomore Emilee Langbehn, a Ballard resident who spoke out against the proposal, said the Facebook event page was, "A war of the informed," and most of the information regarding the initiative was passed by word of mouth.

"In addition to the comments I made on the page, I was very vocal within the ASWC meeting, and I talked to many people about it," Langbehn said.

Prichard said the Facebook event was the most effective way to communicate information to students.

"The creation of the Facebook was actually very smart," Prichard said. "I saw a lot of other people's ideas that I hadn't even thought of yet."

Sophomore Kendra Hamilton, senator of Stewart and Tiki, said she did not think the proposal allowed effective representation.

"It's difficult to represent students that you are not living with," Hamilton said.

Hamilton was invited to the Facebook event, but abstained from joining because she said she wanted to stay neutral, and did not want her constituents swayed by her opinion.

According to the Facebook event, 58 of the students confirmed they would vote against the proposal and 80 replied that they might. In the actual election, 457 students participated, and 294 students voted no on the measure,

"I saw a lot of other people's ideas that I hadn't even thought of yet."

Jesse Prichard,
Sophomore

INFLATION: Reputation of college important to grad schools, employers

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grade inflation can affect students after they have graduated.

Employers and graduate schools distrust prospects who have graduated from colleges and universities with a reputation of grade inflation, Parker said.

"I want students to be evaluated frankly and thoroughly so they can be competitive in the workplace and graduate school applications," Parker said.

Additionally, a "prominent graduate school" to which Whitworth sends many of its graduates has expressed concern that Whitworth's grades are becoming artificially inflated, Le Roy said.

The solutions to the problem of grade inflation present several difficulties in themselves — partially because grading is subjective and personal to each professor.

Examining and attempting to ease grade inflation could even be threatening to professors, Parker said.

"People rarely question a professor's authority when it comes to grading," she said. "[Solving grade inflation] is very controversial, because it

interferes with the autonomy of the professor."

Le Roy emphasized he does not have plans to attempt to deal with this issue other than encouraging dialogue among the faculty, saying the solution requires collaboration between professors.

"The faculty need to be talking with each other and thinking about the standards they want to hold. That's the most important first step," Le Roy said. "It's really a faculty issue that should be dealt with by the faculty themselves, probably at the departmental level."

Tsuchida agrees.

"[Grade inflation is] a subject that could be and probably should be discussed," Tsuchida said, suggesting that dialogue should take place among department chairs, in the faculty assembly, and during faculty development days.

One possible solution could be placing less importance on GPAs and more importance on an interdepartmental student ranking system, Le Roy said, adding that many graduate schools — law schools and medical schools, especially — look at class ranks rather than grades.

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Vote No on Proposal Number 2 of the ASWC constitution

Information

Event Info

Name: Vote No on Proposal Number 2 of the ASWC constitution
Tagline: It's ruining what the founding fathers of ASWC started
Host: Whitworth College
Type: Causes - Protest

Time and Place

Date: Monday, March 5, 2007
Time: 8:00am - 12:00pm
Location: Whitworth College
Street: 300 W Hawthorne Rd.
City/Town: Spokane, WA

Description

Please vote no on the 2nd proposal concerning zoning for ASWC/JU representatives. Please help us, Obiwan....you're our only hope!

Jasmine Linahary/Whitworthian

Several students created an event in the days before the campus wide election last week to encourage students to vote against the zoning proposal.

leading to its failure.

A discussion board became the central place where students were able to hold a discussion with other students from all over campus — a phenomena that would have been more difficult without Facebook.

Participants ranged from ASWC senators to residents in Stewart, Schumacher, Arend, Warren, Ballard, Duvall and McMillan to off campus students as well, according to the Facebook event.

Several posts emphasized that students needed to make their own decision on whether to pass or fail the constitutional changes, accord-

ing to the Facebook event.

Lutz and Langbehn agreed no changes needed to be made to the constitution.

"I wouldn't want a guy representing Ballard, and I don't think it would work if there was a girl representing [McMillan]," Lutz said. "They're so different. Placing them under the same representative might cause some problems."

A posting by Langbehn made on March 7 declared victory for those who joined the event.

"Well, the zoning plan failed! Thanks for voting everyone!" Langbehn said in the post.

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IN THE LOOP

An editorial

An open letter to our readers

To our readers:

The editorial staff stands behind the accuracy of the front page story "Students say issue unresolved," which was printed in the March 6 issue of The Whitworthian.

Conflicts about race exist on this campus. After interviewing numerous people about race relations on campus, The Whitworthian concluded that the issue of race is a legitimate one to bring to public discourse. Because Whitworth administration was not communicating with the students or taking action to resolve the issues that had been brought to their attention, it was The Whitworthian's responsibility as a student voice to bring this to the student body.

A newspaper's job is to report the news, and in the course of that reporting, stories evolve. While gathering information for the story, it became clear to us that an individual story about these incidents and the response to these incidents needed to be told. We contacted most of the sources, discussed the story's shifting focus and included their comments in the story. A few sources did not respond. Ultimately, our story is accurate, and we know we have more reporting to do.

On behalf of The Whitworthian,

Peter Smelser
Editor-in-chief

This letter is in response to "Students say issues unresolved," published March 6, 2007.

"In the Loop," written by the editorial board, represents the editorial voice of The Whitworthian.

Focus on cause, not details of racial conflict

"At Whitworth, racism is often subtle and, in my opinion, based more on judgements due to lack of multicultural experience than motivated by hate."



ERIKA PRINS
Writer

In response to the massive amounts of controversy surrounding last week's article "Students say issues unresolved," students have actually begun to talk about issues of race on our campus.

I would like to make three points regarding this event. First, this article, and the response to it, has shed light on the ever-present, but often overlooked, problems of racial tension and racism on our campus. Second, we ought to be focusing on the causes on the conflict, not the details of the conflict itself. Third, examining each of our contributions to racial issues on this campus is important because college is the best time to learn to function well in a multicultural environment, a skill each of us will need regardless where we end up living and working.

Unfortunately, the article was much more focused on what President Bill Robinson calls "incivility" between a few minority students and a few white students rather than the root of the issue, racism itself. All of the parties involved had reasons for acting the way they did, and the question of why things happened the way they did is far more relevant to us, members of the community not involved in this par-

ticular conflict, than the details of the event itself.

I was frustrated that both the article itself and the resulting conversations are focused on that particular conflict rather than the underlying tensions causing it.

On the positive side, it seems like this event has sparked a much-needed conversation on our campus about race.

At Whitworth, racism is often subtle and, in my opinion, based more on judgments due to lack of multicultural experience than motivated by hate. It can take the form of offhand comments or jokes between friends with the subject being a racial stereotype, or it can be simply choosing not to associate with someone because of assumptions made about them because of the color of their skin.

In conversation with students on campus, I am often told that other students, faculty or staff members assume they have certain likes or dislikes, hold certain views, or cannot be related to as easily because of their race.

"Students say issues unresolved" brought some of these stereotypes to light. For example, senior Sha'Nay McQuirter told The Whitworthian that, during a Christmas party gift exchange, the people present assumed that one of the minority students would want a CD by rapper Jay-Z.

English professor Doug Sugano's Multicultural American Literature class held a racial climate survey two years ago that confirms the disparity

between white students' and minority students' perception of racism. Far fewer white students surveyed felt racism is an issue at Whitworth than racial minority students surveyed.

If we are not aware ourselves that racism exists, it may be because we have not often experienced it ourselves. For those of us who are part of the racial majority, it is easy to overlook racist comments or actions because they are seldom directed toward us.

Personally, I become livid when someone lumps me in the category of "white people" and makes assumptions about me based on that generalization. I am me, not a robot made in the "white people" factory, and my identity is too complex to be summed up by stating my skin color. This seldom happens to me, though, but is something that my friends who are racial minorities deal with daily.

While we are in college, each of us needs to confront whatever prejudices we hold (and we ALL do) and begin the never-ending process of overcoming them. If we leave here still unable to contribute in any worthwhile way to a society of all kinds of people, effectively interact with people different from us and understand the implications of our actions on the world, our tuition has gone to waste.

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Why the massacre in Darfur is still happening

I'm assuming you know about the genocide in Darfur. If you do not, put the

paper down and go to crisisgroup.org. The killing continues as you read these words and it is not going to stop. No country with the ability to intervene will and the reasons why are disturbing. In no particular order: Salah Abdallah Gosh, Iraq and oil.

The Sudan has a lot of oil, most of which is not currently being extracted. In 1997 and 2001, Western oil companies left the Sudan because of human rights violations. China, India and Malaysia immediately moved in. China is the major exporter of Sudanese oil, and therefore has the most at stake in Sudan. If the human rights abuses stop, Western sanctions against Khartoum, the capital of the Sudanese regime, may be removed, at which point China would face competition for petroleum.

In an interview with John Prendergast, the senior advisor at the International Crisis Group and a leader of the Save Darfur coalition, he told me China will not intervene in the genocide because they have a "perfect authoritarian partner to clear the oil fields." Not only does China condone the killing, they are advocating it. China has supplied Khartoum with the money it needs to arm the Janjaweed Militias who are forcing indigents off their own land. China wants the people moved because they want uninhibited access to the oil fields. Distant strangers hold little priority to a petroleum starved country like China.

China's dissension matters because China

holds veto power on the United Nations Security Council. China has recently prevented the United Nations from using force and strong diplomacy in Darfur. However, even when China abstains from voting, the United Nations does not follow through.

China did not vote on the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1706, which authorized the expansion of the United Nations mission in Darfur. Even though the resolution passed, the United Nations stalled their plans, because Omar Hasan Ahmad al-Bashir, the Sudanese regime's President, told them he did not want them to invade the Sudan. I am serious.

Security Council Resolution 1706 would have allowed United Nations soldiers to act as peace "makers" to force the Sudanese supported Janjaweed militias to stop the killing. Currently United Nations peace "keepers" are not permitted to intervene when they see acts of genocide. They are only allowed to "observe" the slaughter. To date, the United Nations says it observed over 400,000

deaths. Most of those deaths are a result of poor living conditions in Internally Displaced People camps, but many of the deaths are homicides. The United Nations could act, but because al-Bashir objects, they are content to continue counting corpses.

The reasons the United States will not do anything are even more unsettling and they reduce to this: the War on Terror and the war in Iraq. The United States started the war in Iraq unilaterally, against the best advice of nearly all of their major allies. When the war devolved into a debacle, the United States lost their rapport at

the United Nations and in the international community. The United States does not have the diplomatic capital to invade another sovereign nation. However, lack of international support has not deterred the Bush administration in the past, which inclines me to believe lack of international capital is merely an excuse to cover the real reason the United States will not intercede for the oppressed Darfurians. The United States is in a sick cycle in which it intervenes and fails,

then isolates and suffers politically, and then intervenes again.

Rose Marie Berger, an associate editor at Sojourners Magazine, explains: "The 1993 humanitarian mission debacle in Somalia led world leaders to hesitate from interceding in Rwanda in 1994. Shame over the Rwandan killing fields prompted a need to 'do something' in Kosovo in 1999." Now Iraq inhibits the United States from intervening in Darfur.

Finally, the fallout from the War on Terror. Prendergast, in his article in The Washington Post, "So How Come We Haven't Stopped it?," calls the United States' inaction "one of the great untold stories of this young century, one in which human rights principles clash with post-9/11 counterterrorism imperatives."

Salah Abdallah Gosh is the head of security for the Sudan. He is one of the primary instigators of the genocide. He was Osama bin Laden's primary liaison when the most wanted was living in the Sudan. He is also one of the United States' primary informants against al Qaeda. In 2005, the CIA flew Gosh to Langley for a briefing, and then flew him back to Darfur to continue the genocide. As long as Gosh is cooperating against terrorism, the Bush administration will not pressure the regime at Khartoum.

It would seem, given the United States counterterrorism objectives, Gosh is more important than the nearly half a million dead people. Even more sickening is the thought that one ratting terrorist receives red carpet treatment from our government while we and the United Nations observe at least two million Darfurians flee for their lives.

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Diana Painter/Whitworthian

Opinions

HUMOR COLUMN

Fashion your seat belt and ride on the runway

Daniel Walters
Staff Writer

There are some things I just don't get.

Gogurt. Why bad things happen to good people. Why good things happen to James Blunt. All of math.

But none of these mind-warping brain-bafflers can compare to the wide weird world of fashion.

Sure, I understand the need for fashion. Without clothes we would be very cold and would have far fewer places to stick our wallets.

What I don't understand is why fashion changes.

Take this scene between Biblical Superstars Adam and Eve:

Eve: You're not going to the Summer Nights festival in Nod with that on, honey.

Adam: What? My fig leaf? I always wear this!

Eve: *Exasperated* Look. We didn't eat from the Tree of Knowledge for you to act like a moron. Fig leaves are 5000 6004 BC. We'd be the embarrassment of the entire Fertile Crescent. Now wipe that dinosaur sauce off your mouth and go get changed.

Adam: *mumbling*: This is why our kids don't get along ... I swear if I had the jawbone of an ass right now ...

See, if it were up to me fashion would progress to the point where we're all wearing "No Fear" shirts, cutoffs and soccer socks, and then freeze forever.

Sadly, I'm not the one at the reins of the fashion-industrial complex. In reality the ebb flow of style is controlled by a shadowy cabal composed of shady organizations like the Fashionistas of New York (FONY), the Chic Revolution In Phases Society (CRIPS) and Women in Society Everywhere (WISE).

They are mad scientists, and the runways of Milan are their laboratory.

A freakishly tall Bonewisp from the planet Skeletor strides down the runway, proportions vaguely resembling the kid stretched in the taffy puller at Wonka's Chocolate Factory. (In the wild, Bonewisp use their dagger-sharp cheekbones to kill their prey. They don't eat it though. Too fattening.) The model is wearing Chanel capris of pleated Narwhale skin, a revealing blouse made of K'NEX and a live flamingo duct-taped to her head.

Later, the outfit will be toned down into something less ridiculous for consumer consumption. The flamingo becomes pink trucker hats and the Narwhale pants become jeans with holes pre-ripped in them. Okay, slightly less ridiculous.

Note: Due to a temporal distortion wave in the space-time continuum the fabric of chronological reality has actually warped back upon itself in a localized region. Consequently, all my cultural observations are actually stuck four years back in time.

As a result, I'm not very fashionable. If I really want to impress a girl, I'll put on a T-shirt with a Dijon mustard stain, instead of just a regular mustard stain.

Fashion seems to have two purposes. Primarily, to peeve your parents. This is the origin of the Sluttopia fashion line. You know, with the bubble-gum pink shirts the size of a Kleenex with the phrase I'M A PROMISCUOUS TROLLOP written across the chesty region. And the shorts that make Daisy

Duke look Muslim with the phrase I HAVE LOOSE MORAL VALUES scrawled across their buttockular region. Sluttopia bares not only midriff but significant topriif and bottomriif as well. And that's just their clothes for nine-year-olds. Veritable Pre-Madonnas.

Secondly, fashion does a stellar job of letting us know who is cool or not. It allows us to quickly identify cliques, stereotypes, and personality sets, completely skipping that icky talking and getting to know each other phase. Let's examine High School Social Subset #32: The Goths™.



Goths are a group of people who try to look gloomy and brooding, but end up looking like the Deputy Viceroy of Lesser Darkness who just lost a battle with a swarm of safety pins.

"Why do people judge us?!" they ask.

"Could it have anything to do with the vampire teeth, pentagram necklaces, blood dripping from your eyes and the torn black shirts that say 'I hate people' on them?"

"Nah. I think it's cuz they're stupid cheerleader prep jocks. I swear one of these days, I'll eat their souls!"

"Oh. I see."

Sadly, you don't see as many Goths as you used to. Maybe they slithered back to their underground caves, ready to save the world again if it's threatened by excessive happiness.

The Emos are the heirs to the Goths' Throne of Misery. They share the same color palette, wrist decorations, and general pastiness. Emo is short for "Emoticon is Sad ☹".

Their black-pink hair flops over one of their teary eyes, nixing their depth perception, making it all the harder to dodge the inevitable punches thrown their way. Emo pirates, therefore, are completely blind. No one knows the exact source of the Emo's white middle-class wretchedness. Maybe their pants are three sizes too small.

Simply seeing an Emo can cause you to lose all faith in humanity and spiral into a deep black depression. A horrifying realization hits you: The sight of the Emo has made you Emo yourself. Curses! They're like zombies, but with thicker-rimmed glasses!

Naturally, there's even more ridiculous outfits. Like Social Subset #71: The Gangstas. (The "r" was shot off in a drive-by.) PSA: There's a point where sagging just becomes depanting. My favorite fad involved rolling one- and only one- pantleg up. Gangstas risked not only getting "capped" by rival "gang members" who take it as a "gang sign" but far worse—exposed themselves to uneven tanning.

Sure the Gangsta fashion seems odd to "playa" "hahas," but don't knock it 'till you've tried it.

Then you may find—as I did—that dangnab, it feels good to be a gangsta.

See, each Social Subset has something valuable to contribute to the Free Market Place of Clothes. That includes Hipsters, Scenesters and Punky Brewsters. Hippies, Preppies, Yuppies and Hush Puppies. The Army Men and the Rasta Mon. Punks, Monks, Funk, Teeny-Boppers, Lumber Jacks, Swing Kids, Flappers, Disco Warriors, Abetrombie Fitches, Hot Topicanas, Flannel Surfers, Renaissance Fairies, Eternity Suits, Goodwill Foragers and Valued Villagers. God loves them all.

"The Varnished Truth" is a humor column by Daniel Walters. Walters is a junior majoring in Communications. Direct all comments and ideas to dwalters08@whitworth.edu

Unprotected oral sex can often result in sexually transmitted infections

Nichole Betts
Staff writer

This column is for you. I'm happy to answer any questions you have about sexual health.

I got my first official question by e-mail last week. This is a real question from a real Whitworth student.

Question

Recently, a friend of mine said you can get loads of STIs by giving oral sex to a person. Is this true? I've never heard this before. If you can get STIs by giving oral sex, what sorts can you get?

Answer

In a word, yes. You can contract STIs from giving and receiving oral sex.

Just in case there's some confusion, oral sex is defined as "sexual contact between the mouth and the genitals," by Dictionary.com.

Unprotected oral sex increases the risk of contracting gonorrhea, syphilis, herpes, hepatitis B and cytomegalovirus (CMV), according to Planned Parenthood. Lots of other infections can be transmitted during foreplay, not just intercourse, from the flu to mononucleosis.

Latex and female condoms greatly reduce the risk of STIs. (Note: Do not use latex and female condoms together.) Keeping all of your partner's body fluids out of your body is another way to reduce your risk. That means, if you choose to engage in oral sex, you should use a condom or latex barrier every time.

Remember, even if you are using protection during intercourse, some STIs can still be transmitted through foreplay and oral sex, such as herpes, cytomegalovirus (CMV), human papilloma virus (HPV) and syphilis. Herpes is particularly infectious.

There are two types of herpes infections, HSV-1



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AN HONEST DISCUSSION ABOUT YOUR SEXUAL HEALTH

(most often causes oral herpes) and HSV-2 (most often causes genital herpes). Fifty to 80 percent of American adults have HSV-1 and about 25 percent have HSV-2, but millions of people do not know they have herpes because they have never had, or noticed the symptoms.

Herpes spread by kissing, skin-to-skin contact, intercourse, oral sex and fluids including sweat and urine. Herpes can be spread when no symptoms are present. Most people with oral herpes were infected as children and not necessarily through sexual contact. Think sharing drinking glasses.

Symptoms of oral herpes include cold sores or fever blisters usually on the lips or in or around the mouth. Most people with genital herpes have no symptoms or have very mild symptoms that are not noticed or are not recognized as being a sign of infection. The most common symptom is a cluster of blisters usually around or on the genital area.

Often, the initial outbreak of genital herpes includes symptoms more severe than future infections such as, swollen or tender lymph glands in the groin, throat and under the arms, fever, chills, headache, general run-down feelings, achy — basically flu-like feelings (which is frustrating).

There is no cure for herpes but symptoms are treatable with medication and condoms help reduce the chances of spreading the virus.

Remember, infection can still occur if you or your partner have no symptoms — and most likely will occur if you do have symptoms.

If you're sexually active (and that may not include actual intercourse) have routine checkups for infections and get the correct treatment if you become infected.

Instead, why not decrease your risk for infection by practicing safer sex?

Right, you cannot think of a reason and neither can I. Please do not let the heat of the moment lead to an STI.

Condoms are one of the cheapest and most effective ways to protect yourself against STIs. They reduce the risk of sexually transmitted infection and are also an effective over-the-counter, barrier method birth control.

Condoms protect both partners during intercourse and oral sex from STIs including HIV, gonorrhea, syphilis, chlamydia, HPV and herpes.

They also protect against unplanned pregnancies. Of 100 women whose partners use condoms, about 15 will become pregnant during the first year of typical use (i.e. inconsistent and incorrect usage). Only two women will become pregnant with perfect use (i.e. consistent and correct).

Bottom line: Safer sex reduces the risk of sexually transmitted infections. Do not be embarrassed about protecting yourself. It is your health at risk.

Please, e-mail me with questions you have about any aspect of your sexual health. This forum is for your benefit.

Betts is a senior majoring in Communications. Comments can be sent to nbetts07@whitworth.edu

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This week online:

►Nathan Harrison continues his column "Peer to Peer" talking about how student-created Web content needs to be limited by school administrators in some cases.

Sounding Board

Question of the week

Q: How should race relations be improved at Whitworth?

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Opinions

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: Letter to the editor: "Core History made by whites"

Core history needs to explore non-whites

The fact that a senior student could be preparing to graduate from an institution of higher learning believing that "our western civilization has been influenced more by white European males than it has by other minority groups," [Letter: "Core history made by whites," 3/6/07] is a tragic testament to the need to include the close examination of non-white European influences in courses such as Core.

It is imperative that courses designed to educate students about the history of our pluralistic society include thinkers and innovators beyond Kant and Freud.

The one week spent on Avicenna, feminism and post-modernism is clearly insufficient, when students do not know that Western civilization appears to be dominated by white European males — not because it actually was — but because white European males were the ones who wrote history, marginalizing and invalidating other voices.

As college students who will soon be infiltrating the world, our ability to make an impact depends on our understanding of history in its entirety and the nature of our society and our history is interconnected. The contributions of non-whites should be included in Core's examination of Western civilization, just as more emphasis is needed on non-white authors in literature classes and non-white actors in the social sciences and history courses. The reality of the non-white minority in America is that s/he is not a minority, but simply ignored.

Black History Month (or Native American or Asian American) is only one example of the gross underrepresentation that non-whites receive for their contributions to America; it not only minimizes the historical contributions of an entire race to twenty-eight days, but removes the minority's history from the broader categories of American history and Western civilization, enabling courses such as Core to perpetuate the idea that Western civilization is solely a product of white European males.

Karla Marie Rose
Junior
English & Political Science

Re: "Students say issues unresolved"

Racial issues blown out of proportion

Let me begin by saying I am in no way racist nor do I endorse those who are. However, I think the issues in this article are blown way out of proportion. Why must we read into things so far that we pull out "intentions" that aren't even there in the first place. Let's look at the examples from the article briefly.

First, a group of students decide (in a *game*, mind you) that the black students among them are the ones who would most likely want the Jay-Z CD. Now, I personally don't prefer rap music, but please tell me why this is racist? Should I be offended if, in a similar situation, someone thought I would most like Green Day or James Blunt? I see no reason why I would be. Should I assume they looked at me because I'm white, just like the bands mentioned? Of course not, and even if that were the case, I still fail to see how it would be racist.

Next, the "black sheep" poster. Seriously? Just because the sheep is black does not mean that the poster is racially attacking black people! It's just a phrase meaning that, in most groups, there's at least one person who doesn't fit in or go along with the "norm." This is just a saying; it has nothing to do with skin color. Finally, there was the picture of the Tibetan woman sticking her tongue out. How is this any different than the classic picture of Einstein sticking his tongue out? Should all Germans be offended? Hardly! It's just a funny picture, and to compare it to the equivalent of "dropping the f-bomb" is utterly ridiculous!

Reading this article bothered me. There's no need to go around tearing down posters. If we followed that ideal, then somewhere, somehow there would always be something offending someone. It could even get so ridiculous that we couldn't have anything but white walls everywhere, and even *that* would be offensive to someone.

Today's society seems to be too easily offended. More and more I see people literally looking for ways to be offended or pick a fight. If everyone would just lighten up a little I think we'd all be a lot happier. So next time you see a poster or sign, don't try to pull out something that's not there. If for some reason it truly offends you, then just talk to someone about it nicely, don't go around ripping things down and making a huge deal out of it.

David Zumini
Junior
Marketing & Business Management

Listen, learn and compromise on issues

I have a secret to share. It may come as a bit of a shock for some and quite revelational. Ready for it? We, as students, came to college to learn. Amazing, isn't it? And guess what, learning involves stepping out of our comfort zones and listening! I know, pretty shocking stuff isn't it?

College isn't just about academic learning, it also involves learning life lessons, meeting new people, and discussing other people's views. When thousands of 18-24 year olds live together people inevitably will find others that disagree with them. There are simple ways to avoid animosity and hurt feelings: listen, learn, and compromise. Do you have a problem with a person's viewpoint or their actions? Talk to them about it. Listen what they have to say. Learn about their viewpoint. Step into their shoes. And guess what? Chances are that the two of you aren't going to agree on the issue you are discussing. This is where compromise becomes vital.

Is someone offended by something you posted in the hallway? Then take it down and talk to them about why they are offended by it. Did someone make a racial/ethnic/sexist comment? Call them out on it but also be willing to listen to their point of view. Maybe they made the slur because they didn't know it was one.

Do you identify yourself as Liberal? Try listening to the Conservative view. Do you identify as Conservative? Try to understand the Liberal viewpoint. Christian? Learn about other religions. Non-Christian? Talk to Christians about their beliefs.

Guess what? We are young and we do not have all the answers. Try listening. That person you disagree with is probably more right than you know.

Christine Carnevale
Senior
English Language & History

Tension was not dealt with in civil manner

In response to the "Students say issues unresolved" article I have but one thing to say. HELLO!

Okay I realize that there are some major tension issues with some of the minority students on campus, but dealing with their issues in ways that create even further tension and destroy the Whitworth community is not the way to go about it. These students keep complaining about their voices not being heard when in reality they should all be reprimanded themselves for violating other people's property rather than talking through their issues.

The paper doesn't talk about how Ms. McQuirter laid into Eric Fredriksen after the ASWC meeting and threatened him into hysteria. The paper doesn't talk about what steps have been taken to discipline these folks who have gone about dealing with their issues like pissed off five-year-olds.

By the way, the paper also didn't include the fact that all of these people who are having such difficult times with the school are also supposed to be student leaders. It's implied but nothing is out right mentioned about the fact that these students are expected to be operating on a higher level of dignity. If they want other people to respect them why can't they respect other people's right to free speech and cultural context?

Most people understand the reference to the black sheep. It's not a racist allegory it's merely an expression of non-conformity. I don't understand why these students haven't been assigned at least one Big Three. They were completely out of line when they did it, and they are out of line now that they think that their actions are ethically and morally acceptable.

Chris Caldwell
Sophomore
Communications

Stereotyping in story was bad journalism

The subject line is in regards to the front page article entitled, "Students say issue unresolved." Now, I don't want this to seem like an attack on the editing staff of the Whitworthian, there are just some things that I feel need to be said. First off, this article does a poor job taking an unbiased view of this problem, but does a great job of showing the insecurities of those involved.

Is this really that big of a deal? I understand that some people took offense and that isn't ok, and some things need to be done about that, but to go on a campus wide poster-tearing romp in reaction to a stereotype is a little over zealous ... besides, had a honky-tonk, country CD been the gift of choice at this party ... who would have been the target of people's stares.

The point is that we all live with stereotypes, everyday they appear both in us and in those around us. If someone is upset than make it known and do your best to abolish the stereotype then and there, but perhaps turn that fervor and radical attitude of finding offensive posters towards yourself and you may find areas of stereotyping that need improvement.

The second problem I have with this article is the fact that there has to be more important issues that are circulating campus than this. I understand that this should be addressed, but it does not deserve the spotlight. If there happens to be no other items of interest around campus then how about breaking that pinecone curtain and exposing our campus to the issues of the world around us.

Honestly, I feel like this type of journalism is embarrassing to the college and it has the ability to create a new stereotype about Whitworth students, one that has people assuming we are going to take offense (to the extreme) at every little nuance that happens to be a part of our society whether we agree with it or not.

Aaron Ruff
Senior
Music Education

People will see what they want to see

I would like to respond to the article, "Students say issues unresolved." The easiest way to take this is point-by-point, so here goes:

1) I don't know many white people who are big Jay-Z fans and I think it's really small minded for anyone to expect that an innocent observer not notice a trend in the demographic of Jay-Z's following.

2) The metaphor of the black sheep has been around forever and is in no way racial. A misunderstanding of something this common is nothing but ignorance at work. If we wanted to be more politically correct, maybe the poster should have had a flock of yellow labs and one cocker-spaniel. But then it *may* have been offensive to Asians and blacks. Or, we could have had rainbow-colored sheep ... but then we'd have run the risk of offending the gay community. So, maybe the next time someone wants to create a poster that conveys a valuable message, they should just sit in a dark room, wring their hands and fret about all the ignorant people they might offend — that way *everybody* wins!

3) BJ is not the inner city. Making light of gang symbols is exposing gangs for exactly what they are — moronic. Also, how are gang signs and bandana's a racial stereotype? I'm just a little confused, because where I come from there are gangs of all races and they are all equally stupid.

4) Carlson's poster was an expression of her sense of humor. The great thing about America is free speech, freedom of the press and our right to express our opinions. The day we start censoring our humor and harmless posters on dorm-doors is the day the United States becomes the United Socialist American States. George Orwell and Ray Bradbury would either be supremely disgusted or overtaken by maniacal fits of laughter if they were alive to hear this stuff.

My point is, people see what they want to see. In this case, I think there is a clear instance of 'racial paranoia.' Some people crave the attention that is so easy to get by being a minority, they believe that every one around them should conform to be accepting of them while they slap us in the face for things that were never intended to be offensive.

These examples should be considered for their intent. If, for example, the sheep poster had said "black kids don't do their homework, stay away," I can see how that would be offensive. If you look at the bumps on your ceiling long enough, they're liable to turn into anything; this situation is no different. This article proves that the squeaky wheel gets the grease — what we need to realize is that some wheels, are just lemons and will squeak no matter how much grease we give them. Learn from the other wheels, how do they get along?

Understanding needs to be facilitated on both sides of this issue.

Ken Valentine
Freshman
Undecided

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Money:

Managing your finances

loans

debt

bankruptcy

Kelly MacDonald
Staff writer

With the cost of tuition on the rise students are realizing their amount of debt is rising as well. Students are learning from experiences, good and bad, how to manage student loan debt and credit card debt.

Although most financial advisers see student loans as "good debt," the kind that will pay off in the future, students are still seeing the effects of credit card debt and student loans.

According to MSN Money the average student will owe more than \$18,000 after graduation. The maximum allowed by current federal loans rates is \$23,000. Figuring that a loan rate is at 8 percent, a ten-year loan would cost \$276 a month. The problem, however, is not with the spending of the money, it is the earning.

\$18,000

the amount the average student will owe after graduation

Information courtesy of MSN Money

People with business administration or accounting degrees can make upwards of \$33,000 a year, while most liberal arts graduates make significantly less than \$30,000.

Financial advisers at MSN have advice for students with student loans. This includes not letting your payments after graduation exceed 10 percent of your monthly income. Keep track of your debt so you are not surprised when the bill comes.

Students are not only getting into debt to further their education. On average students graduate with \$2,700 in credit card debt, according to the Young Money Web site. This kind of debt often comes with a high interest rate and is hard to escape.

If a student were to pay back \$1,000 of outstanding debt at 19 percent interest and only made the minimum payments it would take seven years and would pay \$730 just in interest.

Whitworth offers services for students to become confident about their finances. Associate director for financial aid Traci Stensland has worked at Whitworth for 15 years and recommends students become educated before graduation so "when you do have debt you will know how to manage it."

In six weeks there will be a new addition to the Whitworth Web site called "Tips for Financial Success" which will link students to the Northwest Education Loan Association Web site, which focuses on helping students plan for college, pay for college and manage debt.

Stensland said the financial aid office always has resources available for students, including literature about managing finances. She emphasized a counselor is always willing to meet with students.

Before anyone can receive a student loan the applicant must go through online counseling. When the student exits college they go through a similar exiting counseling process. This process works to help students build financial confidence.

The financial aid office has held programs in past years on money management, but Stensland said, "attendance has been a struggle."



Freshman Kendel Huff swipes her card at the ATM machine in the Hixson Union Building last Wednesday.

Lt Bowie Whitworthian

1 billion

credit cards are in circulation today in the United States

Information courtesy of www.i-financialfreedom.com

90 percent

of families' disposable income is spent on debt service on average

Information courtesy of www.i-financialfreedom.com

7 percent

of all bankruptcies are filed by people ages 15 to 25

Information courtesy of Young Money

\$6.7 trillion

approximate amount of household debt owed by the American people

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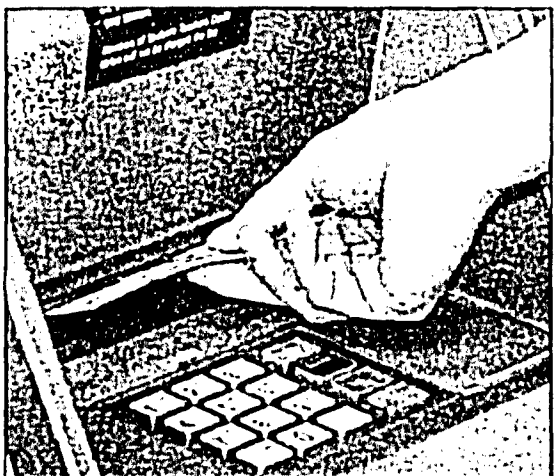
STUDENTS DEAL WITH MONEY ISSUES ON A DAILY BASIS - IN PURCHASING AND ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT



DEPOSITS

Teller Joyce Roberts deposits a check for senior Adam Jones last Friday at the Bank of America.

Jessica Carrier Whitworthian



ATM

Sophomore Daniel Herve takes money he has withdrawn from the ATM machine in the HUB last Wednesday. Herve is one of many students who use the ATM as quick way to get cash.

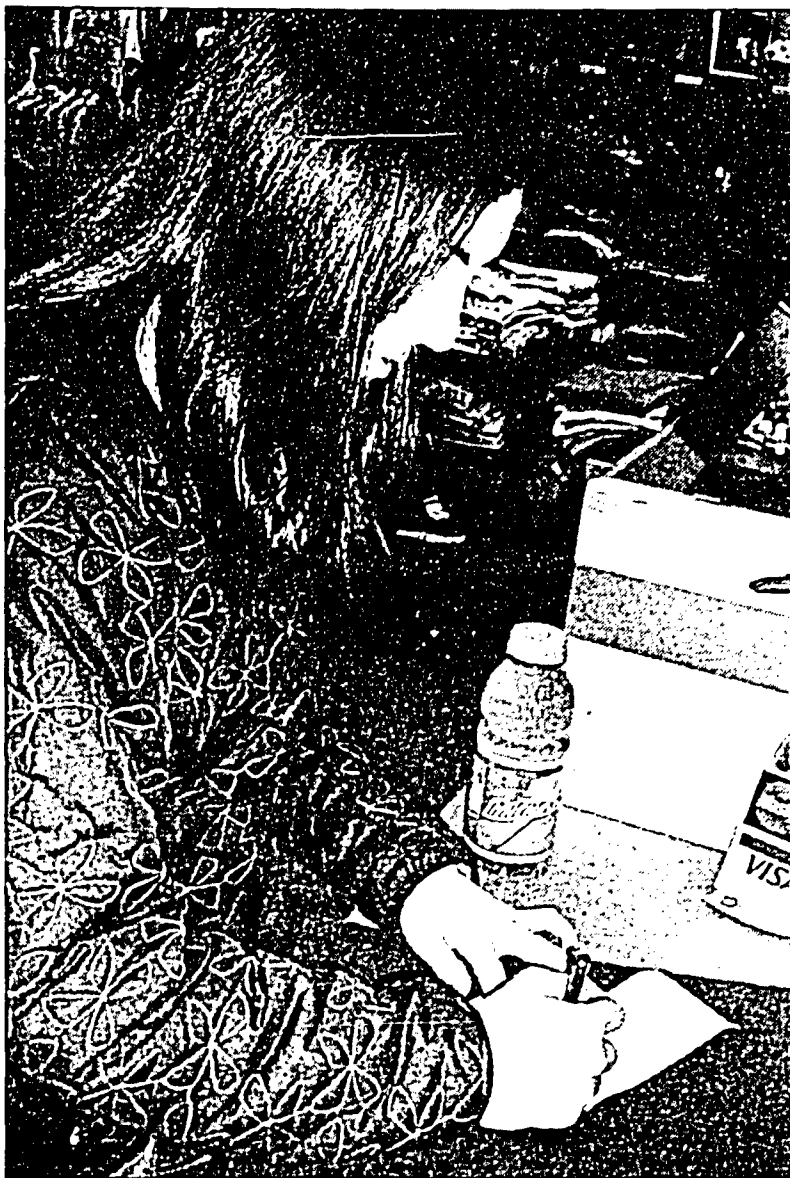
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ONLINE BANKING

Junior Lindsey Stave checks her account information online. Many students find online banking an easy way to check what is going on in their accounts.

Jesse Clark Whitworthian



Katie Akamine Whitworthian

Freshman Connie Collins signs her receipt for a purchase using a credit card in the Whitworth Book Store last Friday.

credit cards

A big problem among students today is credit card debt. Associate director for financial aid Traci Stensland views credit cards as tools.

"It should be used for emergencies," Stensland said. "A credit card does give you flexibility, but you have to use it wisely."

Most importantly she said, "It comes down to knowing the difference between a want and a need."

To students in consumer credit debt she encourages fast action.

"See where you can cut back and get out as possible," Stensland said. "Make sure you have a budget and stick to it."

Freshman Kenny Manus knows about credit card debt. He got a credit card from U.S. Bank and is now in debt.

It was the fees, Manus said.

"The \$30 fee for being late kept happening," Manus said. "Then I got a \$45 fee for being over the limit. Now my minimum payment each month is \$90 because of the fees."

Manus said when he got his credit card he had hoped to remain debt-free.

"When I first got it I wasn't going to be reckless with it, but it's really easy to do," Manus said.

Other students find the credit card easier to manage. Manus' roommate Luke Corigliano uses his credit card regularly.

"Each month I get a bill and I pay it off," Corigliano said. "That way I can build credit."

Many students avoid the hassle all together. Freshman Andrea Mason said she chooses not to get a credit card.

"For me, a credit card is something you use to buy something you don't have the money for and then pay off with an income," Mason said. "I only have a part-time job."

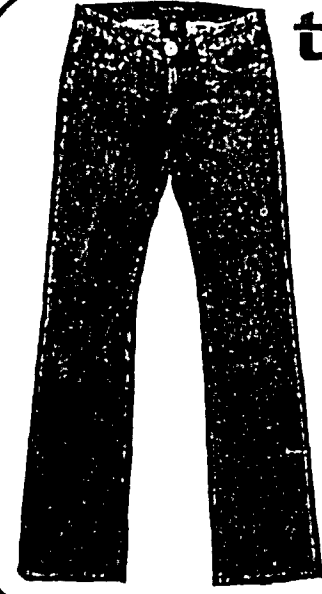
Mason said it is easier for her to remain debt free without a credit card.

"I can't be spending money I don't have. I don't want to earn bad credit right off the bat," Mason said.

\$2,700

the average credit card debt upon graduation

Information courtesy of Young Money



trendy jeans

PURCHASE PRICE

\$68

- 10%

\$62.10

TOTAL COST OF CREDIT AFTER THREE YEARS

\$11.326

Information courtesy of www.makingitcount.com

retirement

The sooner one saves for retirement, the better the returns. Individual retirement accounts are investing tools used by Americans in order to save for retirement. There are many different types of accounts but the Roth IRA is repeatedly recommended for young people by MSN Money. The reason for this is, although the contributions are not tax deductible, you do not get taxed for the money you put in, only when you take out money will you be taxed.

According to MSN Money, a 22-year-old who invests \$3,000 in a Roth IRA will have \$95,000 by the age they are allowed to withdraw (59.5). Often people wait to get out of credit card and student loan debt before beginning to save. However, if a person waits for ten years for their loans to end before investing in this simulation they will only accumulate \$44,000. (These examples are based on 8 percent annual return rates.)

\$95,000

If a 22-year-old invests \$3,000 in a Roth IRA, he/she will be able to withdraw this much at age 59.5

Information courtesy of MSN Money

saving strategies

The 70-20-10 Rule shows how you can successfully divide your money into amounts saved for retirement, emergencies and goals. To follow the 70-20-10 Rule, divide your income in the following manner:

70 percent

► Save for living expenses such as rent, food, clothing and gasoline.

20 percent

► Save 5 percent in an emergency fund. The goal is to save three to six months of living expenses in the account. This is not for impulse spending. Keep it for unexpected expenses like car repairs, lay-offs and medical expenses.

► Save 5 percent for specific goals - vacation, car, school tuition and a new computer.

► Invest 10 percent for the long term. These funds are earmarked for your retirement - IRA, 401(k), 403(b) and company pension.

10 percent

► Save for debt payments like car payments, credit cards, student loans, but exclude a first mortgage.

Realize when you exceed these percentages in any category, it means a reduction in other areas. If your living expenses are high, you will not be able to save as much. Similarly, if your debt level is too high, you will not be able to contribute as much as your savings, investments or both. If you want to put more money into your savings, all you have to do is decrease your living expenses, decrease your debt or decrease.

Information courtesy of Youcandealwithit.com

top three

Things college students spend money on

1. food
2. phone
3. fun

Information courtesy of 2003 Student Monitor

Global Ministry

Week highlights different areas for students to live a life of calling

Calli Strellnaeur
Staff writer

"How can students use what they're learning right now to serve Christ?"

Assistant professor of physics Kamesh Sankaran's question perfectly expressed students' main question during global ministry week. Through discussions and panels with professors, community members and mentors, students learned more about how they could use their majors for ministry.

A ministry fair in the Hixson Union Building provided students with possibilities for ministry during the year, over the summer or through life.

Monday night's "Living with a Mission" dinner emphasized missions work and using majors in ministry.

Speakers Dottie Mohrlang, Nancy Mortlock, Jan Martinez and Dave Beine talked about their different experiences in ministry.

Beine works in Nepal with Wycliffe Bible translators. When asked what prompted such a move, he responded his faith is something which had to be shared.

"We do have something worth living dangerously for," Beine said.

Mortlock, a nurse at Sacred Heart Medical Center, said students interested in missions should go out of their way to pursue them. She also stressed that students should be open to whatever God has for them to do.

"If you say no to opportunity the first time it comes around you will be closing doors to your future," Mortlock said.

Martinez agreed, saying her work at Christ Kitchen has taught her that flexibility and submission to God have brought her to where she is today.

"I am always thinking, 'I have no idea what I'm doing,' but that's when we have to depend on God," Martinez said.

To those seriously considering missions, Mohrlang advised focusing on using your gifts to serve. As an English teacher at a girls' school in Iran, Mohrlang said she originally felt like a failure because she did very little direct ministry. She later discovered the relationships she formed while working were a huge part of ministering to the girls around her.

"We're all called to be witnesses, but not all of us are evangelists," Mohrlang said.

Sankaran, another participant in the discussion, added students should focus on what they are doing now and not plan all their mission work for the future.

"Learn to be a great servant for Christ right here, right now," Sankaran said.

Mohrlang warned students to test their motives for going on missions, saying willingness to submit to God's plan is far better than just wanting to go to another country. The professor discussed deeper into how students can make a difference while in school. Professors focused on being open to God and being flexible.

"You don't know where it's going to go. Just go step by step," said assistant professor of biology Mike Sardinia.

Students at the discussion seemed to have the idea that only theology majors did direct ministry. The panel offered many examples of how any major can contribute to ministry in different ways.

"We can't all be pastors and we shouldn't all be pastors. Just be Christ wherever you are," professor of kinesiology and athletics Toby Schwarz said.

Students were encouraged and inspired by the week's events. One student said the ministry fair had shown her a whole new realm of possibilities for using her talents in ministry.

Many students expressed a desire for a ministry fair next year, saying new students need to be given this opportunity too.

"We can't all be pastors and we shouldn't all be pastors. Just be Christ wherever you are."

Toby Schwarz,
professor of kinesiology



Tyler Zuck/Whitworthian

ABOVE: Students talk with a representative at the Teen Mission International booth.



LEFT: Junior Bekah List receives more information about a ministry opportunity.

Dockside desserts decadent, affordable

Belhany Hergert
Staff writer

Dockside, a restaurant at The Coeur d'Alene Resort, has become a popular location for Whitworth students.

Situated near the docks of Lake Coeur d'Alene, Dockside offers high-quality meals and locally infamous desserts.



Making this trek has become a dorm activity. Stewart Hall recently took a group of approximately 45 residents one evening to Dockside for dessert, according to resident assistant Kalen Eshoff.

"My fellow RA's and I decided it would be a fun way to get all of Stewart together, both boys and girls, for a combined hall activity," Eshoff said. "I've gotten so many positive responses from the Stewart residents. I really think that they enjoyed themselves."

Many groups of friends from different dorms have made going to Coeur d'Alene a routine outing.

Sophomore Bryan Whitmore has

been five times with different groups of people.

He believes the chance to get dressed up and make an evening out of it is what appeals to many students.

"The draw for most students is that they turn it into an event; they dress up, which most students don't get to do very often," Whitmore said. "It's a chance to look good and have fun. At least that's why I do it."

Jeremiah Neal, general manager at Dockside, pointed to the resort's prestige and affordable price range as what draws students.

"We have groups from high schools and colleges that come in," Neal said. "I think it is the fact that they can come to a world class resort on Lake Coeur d'Alene, and the price point is something they can afford."

The meals at Dockside can be somewhat expensive, ranging from \$12 for chicken items to about \$25 for steaks and seafood.

PLACE Dockside Restaurant

Address:
Coeur d'Alene Resort
115 S. 2nd St.
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
83814

Telephone:
(800) 688-5253
Hours:
Sun.-Thurs. 6 a.m.-10 p.m./Fri. and Sat. 6 a.m.-11 p.m.
Reservations: Available

For more information, visit www.cdaresort.com

The desserts, however, are what most students go for, and for what Dockside is most famous.

The most popular deserts are the ice-cream sundaes, which cost around \$7 and can satisfy about three people, or be a challenge for one.

They also offer other dessert options such as cheesecake, pie and milkshakes.

Though the trip may be long, the overall consensus seems to be going to Dockside is well

worth it.

"Being able to go on a mini road trip is always fun," Eshoff said. "And the dessert is amazing."



Jessica Currier/Whitworthian

A table setting attracts customers at Dockside, a restaurant at The Coeur d'Alene Resort. The restaurant is famous for affordable dinners and a full dessert menu.

Pedro the Lion tours solo

Bazan uses band's success to fuel first solo album

Kelly McCrillis
Staff writer

The artist formerly known as Pedro the Lion is taking on the music industry, and he is doing it solo.

Hesitating alone in the room at the end of the hallway, while the rest of the world noisily busies about, posturing in parties and providing the reason for this songwriter's disillusionment with the modern world. His success with the moniker Pedro the Lion in tow, Dave Bazan sets out with his first solo EP, "Fewer Moving Parts," complimented with a tour around the states.

Known most for his unique songwriting and storytelling abilities, Bazan traces lives and stories of those stigmas society throws too willingly upon stereotypes.

He also comments upon the



BAZAN

blasé drudgery some people fall into during their life, eventually drifting into questioning our past actions.

Bazan even digs deep into the reservoir of human existence by pondering upon God's own thoughts about humans and their busy milling.

In the radio room at KWRS Pirate Radio, Pedro the Lion is under music director Caleb Knox's own personal playlist.

When asked what Bazan brings to the table in the music scene, Knox said.

"The thing that's great about Pedro is that he has a lyrical honesty that you don't see coming from other musicians, especially other Christians. He'll cover hymns (such as "Be Thou My Vision"), but he'll also write songs about infidelity and the evils of corporations," Knox said.

Bazan is no revolutionary, but that is the charm. He writes the stories we have all heard and articulates them through ways we know they should be felt.

Both haunting and intricate, the songs delve straight into human angst, wallowing slowly somewhere between folk and stand-by indie.

But it's not without modesty.

All he is out to do is paint his picture and light it well.

In "Options," from his concept driven "Control," two lovers walk on the beach and the man knows divorce is out of the question, but it is still good to have options, so he tells her he loves her and "she mostly believes him." And it is as simple as that.

In "Bad Diary Days" from "It's Hard to Find a Friend" a man finds a pair of movie tickets in his wife's desk. She says it will not happen again, but they both know this is the end. And it is as simple as that.

Bazan leaves redemption for the audience's work.

Bazan's role is the buzzkill, the commentator, the lonely voice reminding us of what our world of advertisements, entertainment and naivety have crowded out.

Poignant lyrics cut to the marrow, creating songs both contemplative and accusing.

"Fewer Moving Parts" allows Bazan to portray two different sides of his musical ability. There are 10 separate tracks but only five different songs.

The first half draws its sound partly from the defunct keyboard-driven Bazan side project, The Headphones, while the second

half serves as a pensive reprise, recorded acoustically and letting the songs stand on their own virtue.

Each conjure brilliance; emoting strong vibrations from two entirely different spheres of consciousness, but each convey the same meditatively cynical musings that complete the man behind the music.

Bazan was named No. 85 in Paste Magazine's Top 100 Living Songwriters. He ranks among those such as Sam Beam's (Iron and Wine) southern intuitive realism and the rock ambience of The Flaming Lips.

And although junior Miles Hewitson has seen him perform in front of a 1,500-body audience, it is when Bazan is at his most intimate in a comfortable close venue such as the Hixson Union Building multipurpose room that he comes into his element.

"He seemed on the verge of a panic attack," Hewitson said about the large show. "But with 40 people in Anacortes, David [Bazan] created a very genuine reflection of his album's lush soundscapes and emotive complexities."

Wherever he "ranks" on Paste, his words and melodies truly capture the heart of sermonizing thought and the departure from the normality of everyday life.

Be sure to catch his act in the Hixson Union Building multipurpose room, this Thursday.

LISTEN

Dave Bazan

When: Thursday at 9 p.m.

Where: HUB Café

Price: \$10, free with Whitworth ID

Weezer still holds place of honor in rock history

Caleb Knox
Staff writer

I have kept a long-standing secret from humanity, one that might just alienate me from my friends and half of the music world: I think Weezer is one of the greatest rock bands to grace us with their presence, even if you include albums after 1996's "Pinkerton" into the equation.

Weezer's eponymous 1994 debut, affectionately nicknamed "The Blue Album," is a great album. Some of my favorite songs of all time are on that album, most notably "Say It Ain't So" and "Undone - The Sweater Song."

These aren't just great Weezer songs; they are great songs in general. The music on the album is fantastic, and so was the timing of its release.

The music world was steeped in the Seattle grunge scene in the early 1990s, led by Nirvana, Alice in Chains and Pearl Jam. Rock music was, in a word, depressing. Not because of how bad it was, but because of how nihilistic the lyrics were.

Released one month after Kurt Cobain's suicide, "The Blue Album" was the polar opposite of what had been going on in the rock world up to that point. The crunchy guitars that were a hallmark of the early 1990s were

still there, but the lyrical content and overall attitude shift in "The Blue Album" changed the way musicians thought. The common mantra of the day went from "Nobody understands me, so I'm going to hurt myself" to "Nobody understands me, isn't that funny?"

I started listening to Weezer in middle school, which is, of course, the perfect time to listen to Weezer.

As I was busy going through the ultimate awkward stage, they were busy providing a salute to ineptitude everywhere. "The Blue Album" was a celebration of skinny kids and awkwardness, of Kiss posters and 1950s rock stars, of Dungeons and Dragons.

As someone who pretty much embodied all of those things, "The Blue Album" was ear candy. I couldn't get enough. It was fun, it was rocking, and it was immediately applicable to my life.

A couple years later, I discovered their second album, 1996's "Pinkerton." Now this disc is a masterpiece. One song flows into another, oozing with the same crunch and uneasy charisma that made "The Blue Album" great.

"Pinkerton" also flows seamlessly from one track to another and works as a cohesive unit, whereas "The Blue Album" is like a great singles collection.

"Pinkerton" is a concept album loosely based on "Madame Butterfly," a 1904 opera by Giacomo Puccini. Lead singer, guitarist

and songwriter Rivers Cuomo experiments with odd chord changes, minimalism and wall-of-sound techniques. Lyrically, Cuomo spills

his guts, painting a much darker picture than we saw on "The Blue Album."

What "Pinkerton" showed was that Weezer had matured. They could get away with writing songs that weren't about sweaters and surfing. And as I matured, I came to appreciate this album more and more.

In fact, not too long after I got excited about "Pinkerton," Weezer brought their five-year hiatus to an end, releasing another eponymous album in 2001.

This one would be nicknamed "The Green Album," and Weezer fans would revolt.

After the dense, raw emotion of "Pinkerton," hopes were sky-

high, and many were disappointed by the album's short length and relatively insipid lyrics. Lyrically and in the eyes of most Weezer fans, things didn't get much better with the faux-arena rock of 2002's "Maladroit" or the faux-new wave of 2005's "Make Believe." But the music is solid.

I still believe that if "Maladroit" and "Make Believe" were the first two releases from a new band, they would be heralded as one of the most exciting new rock bands on the scene.

Unfortunately, that isn't the case. "Maladroit" was a commercial flop, and some of the lyrics on "Make Believe" are so bad that they make Fountains of Wayne look like Bob Dylan. Those two albums still have a number of great songs between them, but they're overlooked because of their flaws.

I feel as if Weezer gets a bad rap because admittedly, they ended on their two weakest albums.

But their back catalogue speaks for itself, and it says they should go down in rock history alongside the greats.

"Off the Record" is a music column by Caleb Knox. Knox is a junior majoring in English and Journalism. Direct all comments and ideas to cknox08@whitworth.edu



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City LIFE

Downtown parade celebrates St. Patrick

The 29th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place this Saturday at noon in downtown Spokane.

The parade will start at the intersection of Boone and Washington Streets.

The parade is organized by The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, a non-profit organization founded in 1979. Proceeds from the parade will be donated to several non-profit organizations.

For more information call: (509) 880-2785 or visit: www.friendlysonsofstpatrick.com.

New improv show featured at Blue Door

SAFARI, a new improv show, will be held this Saturday at 9 p.m. at the Blue Door Theatre, located at 815 W. Garland Ave. in Spokane.

SAFARI improv shows are held on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month.

The Blue Door Theatre is a non-profit arts organization of 19 performers.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at: 1-800-325-SEAT, or by visiting: www.bluedoortheatre.com.

Annual Big Horn outdoor show returns to area

The 47th Annual Big Horn Outdoor Adventure Show, with vendors, guides and exhibits, will be held this Thursday through Sunday.

The show will take place at the Spokane County Fair and Expo Center on Thursday and Friday from noon to 9 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Student tickets are \$5. For more information, call: (509) 477-1766.

Symphony will feature Lloyd Webber classics

The Spokane Symphony will hold a SuperPops concert "The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber" Saturday at 8 p.m. at the INB Performing Arts Center.

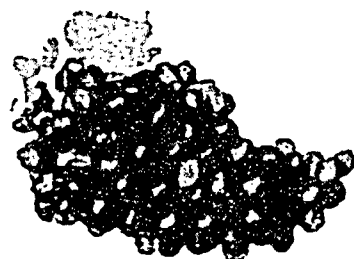
Selections will include music from "The Phantom of the Opera," "Cats," "Evita," "Chorus Line," "Jesus Christ Superstar" and "On the Town."

Webber has won seven Tony awards for his musical compositions.

For more information, visit: www.spokanesymphony.org. Tickets start at \$17.

Compiled by Julie Wootton

Grapevine HUMOR



More awkward situations for a dropped phone call ...

- ▶ A marriage proposal.
- ▶ Gonzaga basketball.
- ▶ During a DTR.
- ▶ A Big Three policy phone call home.
- ▶ Explaining the Tradition incidents.
- ▶ Checking a bank account balance.
- ▶ Confirming a pregnancy test.
- ▶ Hang gliding.
- ▶ Situation Room briefings.
- ▶ Telling your parents about last semester's grades.
- ▶ Finding out if you have tickets to the NCAA tournament.

A&E BRIEFS

'Orchard' rounds out weekend dates

"The Cherry Orchard" by Anton Chekhov will run Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Cowles Auditorium.

"The Cherry Orchard" is about a family trying to save their estate at the turn of the 19th century.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling: (509) 777-3707.

Great Decisions lecture features Iranian native

"The New, Modern Iran" lecture will be held this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Weyerhaeuser as a part of the Great Decisions lecture series.

Lecturer Shahrzad Sadari is a native of Iran and an international facilitator for Sadari & Associates, a San Francisco-based firm.

Compiled by Julie Wootton

Weekly EVENTS

TUESDAY | MARCH 13

► Gordon Wilson exhibit, Koehler Gallery
► Music department student recitals, 11 a.m. in Music Recital Hall

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 14

► Staged reading of "Murder in the Cathedral," 6 p.m. in HUB multipurpose room
► Gordon Wilson exhibit, Koehler Gallery

THURSDAY | MARCH 15

► David Bazan concert, 9 p.m. in HUB multipurpose room
► Gordon Wilson exhibit, Koehler Gallery
► Certificate for teaching the Bible, 9 a.m. in HUB catering room 2

FRIDAY | MARCH 16

► Cultural Clubs leadership fair, 10 a.m. in HUB
► All ASWU leadership applications due
► Ballroom Dance, 8 p.m. in Graves Gym

SATURDAY | MARCH 17

► Triath-lite, 10 a.m. starting in Aquatics Center
► "The Cherry Orchard," 8 p.m. in Cowles Auditorium

SUNDAY | MARCH 18

► Various music recitals

MONDAY | MARCH 19

► Ramona Cordova concert, 9 p.m. in HUB multipurpose room
► Muddy Buddies for Mexico, 11 a.m. in Lied Square

'300' wins good marks on both sides

Film captures essence of all that is man

James Spung
Assistant copy editor

A volley of arrows that blot out the sky.

Abdomens that look like pectorals.

Men stuck on spears like meat on shish-kabobs, grunting in anger and sweating adrenaline and bleeding testosterone.

Wave after wave of revolting villains who, despite their numbers, never seem to be able to stand up to 300 hunks of Spartan meat.

"300" is all that is man, and men wearing capes have never looked this good.

The film is a two-hour shot of adrenaline that weaves together extraordinary fighting scenes, ghastly antagonists, including a nine-foot god-king, noble yet contrived one-liners and, to complete the effect, about 10 minutes of nudity.

Yet for all its masculinity, "300" seems to fall short. It is

like eating meat without potatoes, or pizza without cheese. Or kickboxing without the boxing.

Most of the moviegoers may feel inspired to wear capes and battle in Riverfront Park, but there is something missing.

Lasting significance might be it.

Writers Zack Snyder and Kurt Johnstad try to insert a sense of glory and consequence by including family values and undertones of fighting for liberty, but by the end of the movie, the audience forgets everything but the battle scenes and flashes of human anatomy.

Watching "300" is like watching "Gladiator" minus the nobility and dedication.

The various subplots dealing with familial connections and commitment to ideals too thinly mask the overall point of the movie — to watch the battle, and as graphically as possible.

Still, the rush was pretty sweet.

Female characters stand strong

Leah Motz
Assistant copy editor

"300" is not just for boys.

True, the movie focuses its efforts on choreographed fight scenes between nearly naked men boasting 6-pack (or more) abs and an overabundance of testosterone.

At times, the highly-choreographed fight scenes were stunning. Wide shots of the battle scene and the Persian army trump those of Sauron's forces at Minas Tirith from "The Return of the King."

For the most part, the blood and gore that gives the movie its "R" rating is so over the top that it does

not seem real.

Despite their horrifying artful beauty, fight scenes stretched on forever. While entertaining, the eighth time a head was lobbed off I began to lose interest.

Thankfully, there is more to the movie than beautiful, muscular, scantily-clad men running about involved in intense combat with a variety of Persian nemeses.

Director Zack Snyder won me over when he devoted attention to explain-

ing Spartan culture and developing the relationship between Sparta's heroic King Leonidas (Gerard Butler) and Queen Gorgo (Lena Headey).

Gorgo is a strong character any woman can identify with.

Most women will sympathize with her struggles as a leader and the efforts she underwent to keep some of her barely-there clothes from slipping. It is refreshing to see a woman lead with the same power and influence as her male counterpart. It is admirable to see the outfits she manages to keep in place.

Not far into the film we see the depth of Leonidas' respect for his wife. He looks to her for approval before committing the act that sets the plot in motion.

Butler, who I first noticed as the half-handsome sensitive-turned-maniac phantom in "Phantom of the Opera" brings the character of Leonidas to life in all his manly glory. As we see his character develop I came to admire Leonidas' spirit, his devotion to his queen and the respect and admiration he has gained from his men.

Butler's performance was spectacular and inspired most of my fellow male viewers to go do something supremely masculine. However, at times, Butler was seduced by the volume of his own voice which resulted in pointless yelling.

Speaker focuses on Holocaust reconciliation and forgiveness

Laura Richardson
Staff writer

Retired professor John Roth, Ph.D., addressed the world's need for restorative justice and communal healing during his lecture last Wednesday night.

Almost 200 students and community members packed the Robinson Teaching Theatre to hear Roth speak on the ethics of forgiveness after the Holocaust.

Roth, who recently retired as a professor of philosophy at Claremont McKenna College, Calif., is the founding director of the college's Center for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights.

"Human beings do harm, often immense harm, to each other," Roth said.

Atrocities like the Holocaust prove the need for forgiveness and justice in the world, Roth said.

Nonetheless, forgiveness runs the danger of "minimizing accountability" for harmful works if wrongdoers experience no remorse for their acts.

Therefore, basic conditions of repentance, heartfelt confession and setting things right in a timely manner are needed before forgiveness should be given.

Roth qualified his statements with stories from Holocaust survivors like Primo Levi.

Junior Laura Hickey was struck by Roth's point that "forgiveness is a gift, not something that can be

coerced."

Forgiveness must be given freely, Roth said, it cannot be demanded.

"In many cases, those who grant forgiveness have found relief in doing so," Roth said.

Both God and humans wrestle with the tension between forgiveness and justice, Roth said, citing Isaiah 56.

"God's anger and God's inclination to strict justice remain," Roth said, "but they are far less than God's grace and mercy."

The theme of forgiveness, especially when it is experienced in relation to immense tragedies, is bound to be fraught with compli-

cations, Roth said.

The dilemmas of the Holocaust have made forgiveness "an increasingly wounded word."

We are on a "quest to deepen and recover our humanity," Roth said. We need to restore our "broken human image."

In his concluding remarks Roth said, "There is not a one-size-fits-all relationship between reconciliation and forgiveness. The acts of reconciling and forgiving are ongoing dispositions in our lives."

Following his lecture, Roth stayed around to chat with students, answer questions and sign books.

"A talk like this always generates more questions than answers," said professor of psychology Jim Waller.

CLARIFICATION

The March 6 spread on National Eating Disorder week referred to Kristen Black as a student struggling with an eating disorder. Black does not currently have this disorder.

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Freshman Lacey Kerr steals a base off of Pacific Lutheran University last Saturday. The Pirates swept the four contests and took over sole possession of first place in the Northwest Conference.

Nate Chute/Whitworthian

Whitworth takes over first

Derek Casanovas
Staff writer

Proving it is nice to be home, the Pirates sailed past the Pacific Lutheran University for a four-game series sweep last weekend and into sole possession of first place in the Northwest Conference.

Playing at Marks Field for the first time this season, the Pirates won two sets of doubleheaders last Saturday and Sunday against Lutes. Whitworth upped their record to 11-0 this season, making it the program's best start in school history.

Last Saturday's wins were keyed by two solid pitching performances, as Whitworth yielded only two total runs to the Lutes in two games.

Pacific Lutheran nosed ahead 1-0 in the third inning on a solo home run by the Lutes' Theresa Tauscher. Whitworth junior Jessie LaPlante then allowed a single to Heather Walling and hit Hadley Schmitt with a pitch to put two more runners on base. But LaPlante buckled down and ended the inning with consecutive ground ball outs. LaPlante pitched a complete game, allowing just the one run on four hits while striking out three.

The Pirates countered back in the

"To know that your teammates have your back is a big, big deal."

Sara Rylaarsdam,
Sophomore

fifth inning on junior outfielder Halley Cey's single to center field, scoring sophomore pinch runner Mandee Edwards.

Whitworth took the lead for good in the sixth frame. Senior catcher Lindsay Davis led off the inning with a single and moved over to second on a sacrifice. With two outs, junior transfer Lacey Parry hammered a single to center field, bringing home Davis for a 2-1 lead.

In the late game, PLU again jumped ahead 1-0 on a run-scoring hit in the third. However, the Pirates came back with a run in the third by junior Heather Case and four more in the fourth on runs by Cey, Edwards, and freshmen Lacey Kerr and Melodie Ratliff. In the sixth, Davis drove in the final run when she hit a sacrifice fly to center, scoring Cey to push the score to 6-1.

Last Sunday, Pacific Lutheran

once again held a lead early on in the game, going up 3-1 after the third. Whitworth came back in the bottom of the fifth, with Davis bringing in two runs on a single and sophomore Rachel Anderson scoring a run on a Lute error off Morgan Thomsen's bat. A pair of hits brought Ratliff around to score, making it a 5-3 Whitworth lead. After another Davis RBI in the sixth, Thomsen plated two more runs, and Kerr added another to complete the scoring at 9-3. Case and starter Jennifer Eckhoff both threw for the Pirates, with Case not giving up a run and striking out four over three innings of relief work.

In the second game of the day, Kerr and Parry helped Whitworth take a 3-0 lead in the third. Thomsen and juniors Amber Fowler and Jodi Schock each had an RBI and six Lute errors in the game aided Whitworth in cruising to a 9-1 victory. LaPlante came through with another stellar performance on the mound, striking out five and allowing one run while scattering six hits in the game.

Davis was 7 for 11 on the weekend, knocking in five runs and scoring four. LaPlante improved her record to

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Snell throws complete game in win

Whitworth takes two of three games off Pioneers

KT Pridgen
Staff writer

The Whitworth baseball team swept a double header against Lewis & Clark last Saturday, 4-1 and 10-2, only to fall to the Pioneers on Sunday, as Lewis & Clark defeated Whitworth 10-6.

During the first game on Saturday, both teams were scoreless after the first inning, but the Pirates stepped up in the second inning. With one out, junior third baseman Alex Scarpelli hit a home run to center field, giving the Pirates a lead they would not lose through the rest of the game.

"On Saturday we started out quick. It's a lot more relaxing to play when you're not trying to come from behind," senior shortstop Ryne Webb said.

Whitworth scored again in the sixth inning when junior second baseman Jon Whiteside reached home on a balk. The Pirates' remaining two runs were scored in the eighth inning. Whiteside reached home once more on an error by Lewis & Clark's Sam Marthinsen and senior center fielder Van Lierman scored on a single by sophomore catcher Dan Ramsay, putting the Pirates up 4-0 with one inning left to play.

However, the Pioneers were not going to be shut out. In the ninth inning, junior pitcher Ryan Snell walked Lewis & Clark's Jordan Shitbata. Two outs and two single hits later, Shitbata was sent home by a hit down the left field line by AJ Brown.

"Ryan Snell was outstanding and only gave up one run in the ninth inning," Webb said.

Whitworth's win propelled them into the next game where they beat the Pioneers once more, this time 10-2. Once again, the Pirates started out strong, scoring five unanswered runs in the first three innings. Whitworth was up 6-0 after junior left fielder J.J. Jones scored a run in the fourth inning, but Lewis & Clark answered back with a home run by Brown.

The Pirates continued to increase their lead, scoring four runs and allowing the Pioneers just one more run during the remainder of the game. Webb finished the game having scored three runs and having hit four doubles, and Whiteside finished the game with two runs and four doubles. Ramsay contributed four RBIs.

Last Sunday, Lewis & Clark made up for lost time, scoring five runs in the first two innings, helped along by home runs from Greg Williams and Mike Giardina. Whitworth fought back hard, outscoring the Pioneers

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Pirates sweep Pacific, lose to Whitman

Justin Jose
Staff writer

The women's tennis team traveled to Walla Walla last weekend looking to bounce back from a tough loss the previous weekend against Pacific Lutheran University.

Last Friday they were unable to deliver as they lost a close contest 6-3 to Whitman College, but Saturday they shut out Pacific University in their doubleheader 9-0 and 9-0.

Despite the close loss to the Missionaries last Friday, the Pirates remained confident, knowing they had a great opportunity to succeed against Pacific.

"Pacific is one of the lower teams in conference but has been improving," junior Taryn Smith said.

Even though the Bucs faced a weaker opponent, the women performed like a better

squad should. The Pirates took care of business, shutting the door on Pacific, denying a match point.

"We definitely stepped it up Saturday," Smith said. "Our freshmen played their first matches and played really well."



AVEN

The Pirates opened the weekend against Whitman by taking two of the three doubles matches. Senior Katie Troxell and sophomore Linh Aven won at No. 1 doubles 8-5, while Smith and sophomore Justine Hays won an 8-3 decision at No. 3 doubles.

Whitman came back and won five of the

six singles matches, with the lone Pirate win at No. 4, where senior Betsy Johnson defeated Emily Smith in three sets: 1-6, 6-3, 6-4. McCoola dropped a three-set match at No. 1, Aven lost 6-6, 6-4 at No. 2, and Hays lost a three-set match at No. 6.

The Pirates rebounded the next day to sweep the Pacific Boxers twice.

The wins come at a good time and are boosts in conference position as well as confidence for the girls on the team. According to Smith, the team remains "confident and excited" throughout play.

Last Saturday ended the Pirates three-match losing streak while starting a new streak at two wins. The Bucs conference and overall record stand at 4-5, with two matches remaining before the team travels to South Carolina for a Spring Break tournament.

"We have a positive attitude and are ec-

static about the second half of the season," Smith said. "We have the ability to win and do well because we have talented and athletic players on the team and we work our butts off to get better."

The Bucs look to continue their undefeated record at home, 2-0, next weekend when they will host Linfield College on Friday and Willamette University on Saturday. The home stand should be a welcome to the Pirates who are coming off five road matches. For Smith, coming back to Whitworth to play is a relief.

"Being home allows fans to come out and watch us play, show us support," said Smith.

The two matches kick off the second half of conference play, and the Pirates hope the positive ending of the first half continues momentum to the latter half.



Baseball

	NWC	ALL
UPS	6-0	7-5-1
George Fox	5-0	11-0
L&C	6-2	7-6
Whitworth	3-3	5-10
Unfield	2-4	5-7
Pacific	2-4	4-6
PLU	1-2	10-5
Willamette	0-5	6-9
Whitman	0-5	0-11

Next Pirate game:

Whitworth vs. George Fox (DH)
Saturday, March 17 @ Noon

Softball

	NWC	ALL
Whitworth	8-0	11-0
Unfield	7-1	7-1
UPS	4-4	7-4
PLU	4-4	6-4
Pacific	2-4-2	2-4-2
Willamette	1-3	6-3
George Fox	0-4-2	2-10-2
L&C	0-6	1-12

Next Pirate game:

Whitworth at Redlands (DH)
Saturday, March 24 @ Noon

Men's Tennis

	NWC	ALL
Whitman	12-0	13-2
PLU	5-2	5-4
Unfield	7-3	8-7
UPS	5-6	5-7
Willamette	3-6	3-7
Whitworth	2-4	2-6
George Fox	2-5	2-5
L&C	2-5	2-5
Pacific	0-7	0-7

Next Pirate match:

Whitworth at Unfield
Friday, March 16 @ 5 p.m.

Women's Tennis

	NWC	ALL
Unfield	7-0	7-1
UPS	7-1	8-1
Whitman	6-2	8-3
PLU	5-3	5-3
L&C	3-5	3-6
Willamette	3-5	3-7
Whitworth	2-5	2-5
George Fox	1-7	1-8
Pacific	0-6	0-8

Next Pirate match:

Whitworth vs. Unfield
Friday, March 16 @ 3:30 p.m.

Alyssa Jones/Whitworthian

Junior Halley Cey takes a cut while up to bat last Saturday against Pacific Lutheran University.

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6-0 on the year after picking up the win in the second game on Sunday.

The weekend's strong performances have put Whitworth in sole possession of first place in the NWC, with a one game cushion over second place and defending champion Linfield College. An improvement in team chemistry this year could be one of the reasons for the Pirates' overwhelming success.

"We push each other to be better players," sophomore first baseman Sara Rylaarsdam said. "To know that your teammates have your back is a big, big deal."

On tap next for the Pirates is a week off before a date with four Division III opponents in southern California on March 24-26. The SunWest Tournament will provide Whitworth with fixtures against Redlands, LaVerne, Chapman and Williams (Mass.).

"It's going to be a lot of fun," Rylaarsdam said.

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6-5 over the rest of the game, but despite their best efforts, the Pirates couldn't make up the early deficit.

"On Sunday, they did what we did on Saturday and started out strong," Webb said.

In the fourth inning, Whitworth made a valiant comeback attempt, headed off by a home run from Lierman at the start of the inning. Soon, the Pirates had the bases loaded with only one out. Scarpelli made it home, but this run was followed by two outs, allowing Lewis & Clark to stay ahead of Whitworth.

Whitworth loaded the bases, threatening Lewis & Clark's lead one more time in the ninth inning. With one out, two Whitworth players were hit by pitches and another walked, putting the Pirates in prime position to make a play. However, once again the Pioneer defense came out on top and two hits and two outs later, the game was sealed with Lewis & Clark earning a 10-6 victory.

The Pirates, now 3-3 in the Northwest Conference, have high prospects for the rest of this season. "I think we have a great opportunity to finish at the top of the league," Webb said. "Hopefully we can finish what we started this year."

NCAA TOURNAMENT PICKS



A bracket buster is any team that could shake up the tourney from a mid-major conference or from a major conference seeded five or lower.

National champion PICK

Kansas
Seeded: 1

I picked them at the start of the season, so I can't drop them now. They're playing well right now behind Brandon Rush, Mario Chalmers and Julian Wright, so I believe Rock Chalk Jayhawk will be cutting down the nets in Atlanta!

Collin Storm
sports editor

Bracket buster PICK

Long Beach St.
Seeded: 12

I like that the 49ers are playing a struggling Tennessee team in the first round, then face an inconsistent Virginia team second. The 49ers have four players that average double-figure scoring and their top seven players are seniors giving them outstanding leadership.

Peter Smelser
editor-in-chiefUCLA
Seeded: 1

Although the Bruins stumbled down the stretch losing two in a row, Darren Collison will anchor the backcourt. UCLA is a scrappy defensive team. They are rested and ready to make a run, with a potential of four games in their home state.

George Wash.
Seeded: 11

The '05-06 Colonials only lost three games all season, including in the second round to Duke last year. Senior guard Carl Elliott will be the go-to guy as the Colonials have a more favorable draw with inconsistent Vanderbilt and inexperienced Washington State in their pod.

Peter Burke
opinions editorOhio State
Seeded: 1

Greg Oden is the "x-factor" for this loaded Buckeye team. He will continue the "super-frosh" phenomenon and lead his team to a victory over UCLA in the final.

Jays Creighton
Seeded: 10

Fred "get down with your bad self" Funk has that vibe going into the tourney, and if he can lead his Creighton team past a tough Nevada team in the first game, look for the Blue Jays to shake things up for a few rounds.

Justin Jose
sports writerUCLA
Seeded: 2

They have players who have been to the championship and have experience. They are also one of the best defensive teams in the nation. They will break out of the lapse they were in at the end of the season.

Long Beach St.
Seeded: 12

They are a run and gun team similar to the Phoenix Suns. They can hit threes in bunches and can hang with some big schools offensively.

Derek Casanovas
sports writerGeorgetown
Seeded: 2

A talented Big East team that boasts 7-2 bruiser Roy Hibbert, star guard Jeff Green, and the coaching of John Thompson III. Only tough test could come against No. 1 seed UNC in a potential regional final.

Winthrop
Seeded: 11

An underrated 11th-seeded team from the Big South whose only four losses came against currently ranked programs. Tough first round matchup with Notre Dame, but could slip into the Sweet 16 with solid play from senior guard Torrell Martin.

Mike Novasky
sports writerKansas
Seeded: 1

They are by far the deepest team in the league and coming off two big wins over Texas, momentum should be in their favor. Besides with a UCLA team that just lost to Wash and Cal, getting out of their bracket (the obligatory 'how can we get Duke seeded as high as possible bracket') should be a breeze.

Jays Creighton
Seeded: 10

A tough team coming out of a tough mid-major conference (Missouri Valley). With seniors Nate Funk putting up 17 a game and Anthony Tolliver as a legitimate double-double threat, look for Creighton to pull off a few upsets and maybe even a showdown against Ohio St.

Amanda Beason
copy editorFlorida
Seeded: 1

Because they Gators won last year and they are playing well right now after winning the SEC championship.

New Mexico St.
Seeded: 13

New Mexico St. just won the WAC conference against all odds. Being from New Mexico is why they got chosen, even though I do not believe they will make it past the first round.

Leah Motz
assistant copy editorKansas
Seeded: 1

After watching Kansas win their second straight Big 12 title, I fell in love with the hustle and heart on this team. Offense wins games, but defense wins championships. When Brandon Rush got off the ground and blocked a Texas shot, that showed the heart of this team.

Boston College
Seeded: 7

Boston College will reach the Sweet 16. Jared Dudley is a tournament veteran who has the potential to almost single-handedly win games for the Golden Eagles and Tyrese Rice will add solid depth.

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Kephart, Turner post All-American performances

Collin Storm
Sports Editor

Junior Samantha Kephart could not defend her title in the 200 Butterfly, but posted an All-American time with her third place finish, despite the back surgery she is still recovering from last summer.



KEPHART

Finishing with a time of 2:03.06, Kephart was three seconds off her Division III record of 2:00.15 that she posted last season at the national championships. Kephart also scored in her other two events, the 100 Butterfly where she is the defending national champion and the 50 Freestyle.

Kephart finished second in the 100 Butterfly posting a time of 55.70, just behind Middlebury's Marika Ross who finished with a time of 55.59, which was Kephart's qualifying time.

Kephart finished in 14th place in the 50 Freestyle with a time of 24.30, just off her morning mark of 24.26, which is the fastest time in the Northwest Conference this season.

Also scoring in the national meet was freshman Natalie Turner who posted All-American finishes in two events, just like Kephart.

On the first day, Turner broke a 15-year-old NWC record in the 500 Freestyle, finishing second in the consolations with a time of 4:59.66. That time broke the old NWC record of 5:01.66 which was set in 1992 by Pacific Lutheran's Karen Hanson.

On the second day, Turner finished fifth in the 200 Freestyle with a time of 1:51.75, breaking the Whitworth and NWC record she set earlier in the year of 1:52.76. Calvin College's Becky Weima won the event in 1:49.79.

Turner finished in seventh place in the 1,650 Freestyle on the final day of the event, posting a time of 17:21.04, good enough for yet another spot on the All-American team.

Kephart and Turner combined for 69 points, good enough for a 14th place team finish for the

Pirates just between the two of them. Kenyon of Ohio won the Division III title for the 21st time.

Next weekend, junior David Dolphay will represent Whitworth swimming at the Division III national championships in Houston. Dolphay will compete in the 500 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle and the 1,650 Freestyle.

Golf

The Whitworth Pirates finished second place in both the men's and women's first spring competitions. Both lost to Concordia-Portland, but both beat Whitman and Corban.

The men lost by six strokes and were led by junior Andrew Parrott who shot a 73, good enough for second place individually.

The women's team also lost by six strokes. Freshman Alicia Bratlien shot an 82, good enough for second place individually. Freshman Mariesa Stombaugh shot an 87 for fourth place.

The Pirate women will compete in Salem next weekend while the men travel to Lewiston.

Sports BRIEFS

NHL suspends Simon for the rest of season

The NHL took unprecedented action when they suspended New York Islanders forward Chris Simon for 25 games and the playoffs. The suspension came as punishment for his two-handed attack on the cross-town rival Rangers Ryan Hollweg. The Rangers scored on the ensuing power play to win, 2-1. If the Islanders don't play 25 games the rest of the season, the suspension will carry over to the 2007-08 season and will be the longest served in NHL history.

Taylor leads Ducks to Pac-10 title over USC

The Oregon Ducks won their second Pac-10 tournament title last Saturday night behind Bryce Taylor's career-high 32 points. Taylor shot 11-11, including 7-7 from three-point land, to lead the Ducks past the USC Trojans 81-57 in the Pac-10 finals. Aaron Brooks added 15 points, seven rebounds and three assists in the win, while the Trojans were led by Lodrick Stewart's 12 points.

Burnitz calls it quits after 14-year career

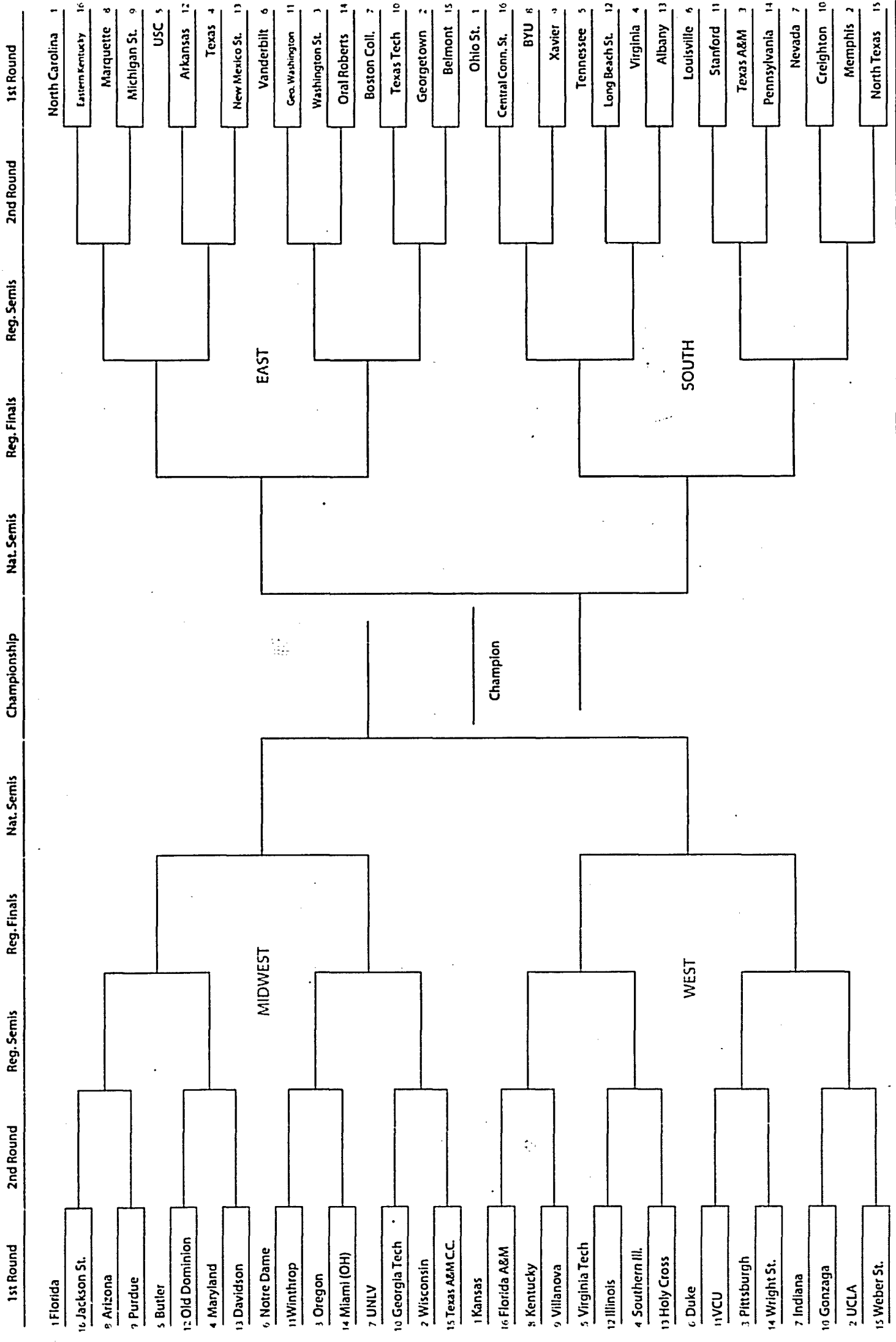
Pittsburgh Pirates outfielder Jeromy Burnitz has decided to retire after 14 seasons in Major League Baseball. Burnitz, who played with seven teams in his career, finished with 315 home runs. His best stretch of numbers in his career came from 1998-2001 when he averaged 34 home runs and 106 RBI for the Milwaukee Brewers and was named to the 1999 All-Star team. In 2006, Burnitz only hit .230 with 16 home runs.

Artest allowed to return to the Kings after arrest

Sacramento Kings forward Ron Artest was allowed to return to the team just five days after being arrested on suspicion of domestic violence. An apologetic Artest who fought back tears said he has "stumbled" as a great dad and husband, then apologized to his wife, kids and teammates last Saturday.

Artest was suspended indefinitely last Tuesday a day after a woman called 911 saying Artest slapped her across the face and grabbed her. Artest returned to the floor last Sunday against the Denver Nuggets.

2007 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship



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CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

LEFT: Senior Michael Lafferty slacklines outside of Stewart on March 6.

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Jeffers in their arms on Stage II during a Cool Whip performance last Sunday.

Nate Chute Whitworthian

ABOVE: Sophomores Tyler Hamilton and Kristin Nilsson tangle and tumble during the Twister Tournament last Sunday in the HUB. The tournament was a fund-raiser for the Mexico mission trip this Spring Break.

Nate Chute Whitworthian

BELOW: Seniors Thomas Ruble and Kalani Iranon and Josh Alfrey, answer questions in the dating game last Tuesday in Saga.

Tyler Zuck Whitworthian

BELOW LEFT: A group of Whitworth students try on sunglasses in Nordstrom on March 2.

Photo courtesy of Brittany Johnson

BOTTOM MIDDLE: Senior Keith Petersen leads Hosanna last Tuesday. Hosanna happens every Tuesday night in the Chapel.

Li Bowie Whitworthian

BOTTOM LEFT: Seniors Nikolas Hoback and Benjamin White cradle senior Stephany

BOTTOM RIGHT: Junior Katie Zerkel chomps down on a burrito while working the ASWC voting table March 5.

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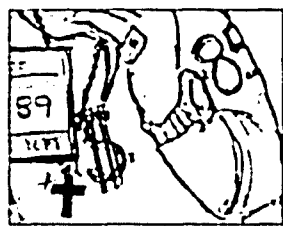
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*"The North American
empire is trying to
snuff out the flame of
liberty."*

- Hugo Chavez
Venezuelan President said while
in Nicaragua last week when
President George W. Bush was in
neighboring Guatemala

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Students march for peace



Jesse Clark/Whitworthian

Whitworth students and community members march against the Iraq war last Saturday near Northtown Mall at Franklin Park.

Community protests against war at rally

Rosa Gibbons
Candace Pontoni
Staff writers

Members of the Spokane community met to protest the war in Iraq last Saturday at Franklin Park near North Town Mall.

The local chapters of several organizations opposed to the war were involved in the rally, which drew about 200 people and ended with a march along Division Street.

Many of the organization representatives spoke of the need for student involvement

in the anti-war movement.

"We can't get anything done without the youth movement," said Matt Hedman, the representative of the Spokane chapter of Washington Public Campaigns.

Chanan Suarezdiaz, the president of the Seattle chapter of Iraq Veterans Against the War and the main speaker at the rally, said students have a big invested interest in stopping the war.

"Students are the targets of military recruiters," Suarezdiaz said. "Students should learn from the Vietnam era

and take part in sit-ins and strikes. They should get involved and organized."

Around six Whitworth students attended the rally. Junior Kendel Huff said she had wanted to go to Washington, D.C. for the Christian Peace Witness for Iraq where four other Whitworth students were arrested for civil disobedience (see "Four students arrested in Washington, D.C."). However, that did not work out, so she went to the rally in Spokane

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Four students arrested in Washington, D.C.

Candace Pontoni
Staff writer

Four Whitworth students who participated in the Christian Peace Witness for Iraq movement in Washington, D.C. last Friday were arrested for civil disobedience.

Alumni ('06) Eric Colby, senior Michael Vander Giessen, and juniors Nicola Crawford and Zach Dahmen arrived at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. on Friday evening and marched with 3000 other participants to the White House, where they staged a peaceful demonstration.

The students had previously agreed to participate in an act of civil disobedience along with 300 others. Dahmen said they were not told before hand what the disobedience would entail.

"When we arrived at the White House they told us that we'd be crossing the police lines," Dahmen said. "There were three waves of about 100 people to cross the lines, and we were in the last

wave. We were arrested at about 2 a.m."

The students prayed and sang in front of the White House until they were arrested. They were bound with plastic zip ties and loaded onto charter buses, where the students were held until all participants had been issued a fine of \$100.

"We wanted our demonstration to be like those staged by Martin Luther King," Dahmen said. "It was non-violent, and the police officers respected what we were doing."

Earlier that morning, the students had been waylaid by a car accident that took place 100 miles outside of Washington, D.C.

"We hitchhiked in the snow after that," Vander Giessen said. "My first reaction was, 'I can't believe this happened!' But everyone handled it so well."

The students hitchhiked to D.C., and from there took the metro to the National Cathedral. The Dean of the National Cathedral heard about the incident, and

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Campus questions faculty departure

Leah Motz
Assistant Copy Editor

After losing two faculty members and beginning a restructuring process, Whitworth's School of Global Commerce and Management (SGCM) is facing vocal opposition from students.

The dean's position in the SGCM will remain vacant in the near future. Kyle Usrey recently vacated the position he held for five years for a position at Friends University in Wichita, Kansas.

President Bill Robinson informed students, staff and faculty of Usrey's departure in a campus-wide e-mail March 9.

Assistant professor Craig Hinnenkamp will act as temporary contact for the department while the dean's position remains vacant.

Hinnenkamp said they are not rushing to fill Usrey's position.

The department is re-examining the dean's roles and responsibilities.

"It's easier to make changes when you have an empty slot than when you have a body in it," Hinnenkamp said.

Once the dean's position is clarified and refocused the application process will begin. Hinnenkamp said he expects advertising to begin in about a month.

There is no rush to pursue an individual to fill the position, but are more interested in finding the right person, Hinnenkamp said.

Another change in department faculty has captured student attention.

Walter Hutchens will join SGCM faculty in the coming fall.

While employed at the University of Maryland-College Park, Hutchens spent the last two years in Beijing developing an MBA program.

"It's easier to make changes when you have an empty slot than when you have a body in it."

Craig Hinnenkamp,
assistant professor of economics and business

Hutchens' position was created when visiting professor Rob Wilson's contract was not renewed. Wilson had been a temporary professor for over 10 years. His contract had been renewed yearly.

The decision was made to turn Wilson's temporary position into a full professorship.

"We weren't able to continue this temporary position. [Wilson] was encouraged to apply," Hinnenkamp said.

Fourteen candidates applied for the position and five were inter-

viewed. Hutchens and Wilson were invited to on-campus interviews.

"It's difficult to recruit business faculty because of the amount of salary they can command at any other institution," Hinnenkamp said.

Hinnenkamp said Hutchens is an exceptional choice for the position.

Human resources agreed. "I know we're getting a very qualified person who will be a great addition to the Whitworth community," director of human resources Dolores Humiston said. "He brings great experiences that will be of value to our students and the program."

Dean of students Michael Le Roy said in an e-mail addressed to SGCM students that the potential for a nationwide search became a reality two years ago when Wilson

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Bandwidth cap removed from network

Trevor Hansen
Staff writer

It does not take in-depth research or an expert opinion to confirm that most college students rely heavily on the Internet for functions ranging from academic research to e-mail, IM and online gaming.

Whitworth's Information Systems department manages, expands, and fine-tunes Internet resources on campus. In the last year alone, Information Systems has spent more than \$90,000 on expanding Whitworth's wireless networks.

"We are still pushing out wireless points," said Walt Seidel, Whitworth's network manager. There are currently about 50 wireless access points around campus, with 15 more going up soon, including one that will probably cover the Loop area.

In another recent development, Information Systems eliminated the old system of putting caps on student bandwidth. In the past, Information Systems would impose caps to ensure individual students did not slow down campus-wide connections by using vast amounts of bandwidth. Students who needed more speed than the cap allowed could pay for upped bandwidth allowances.

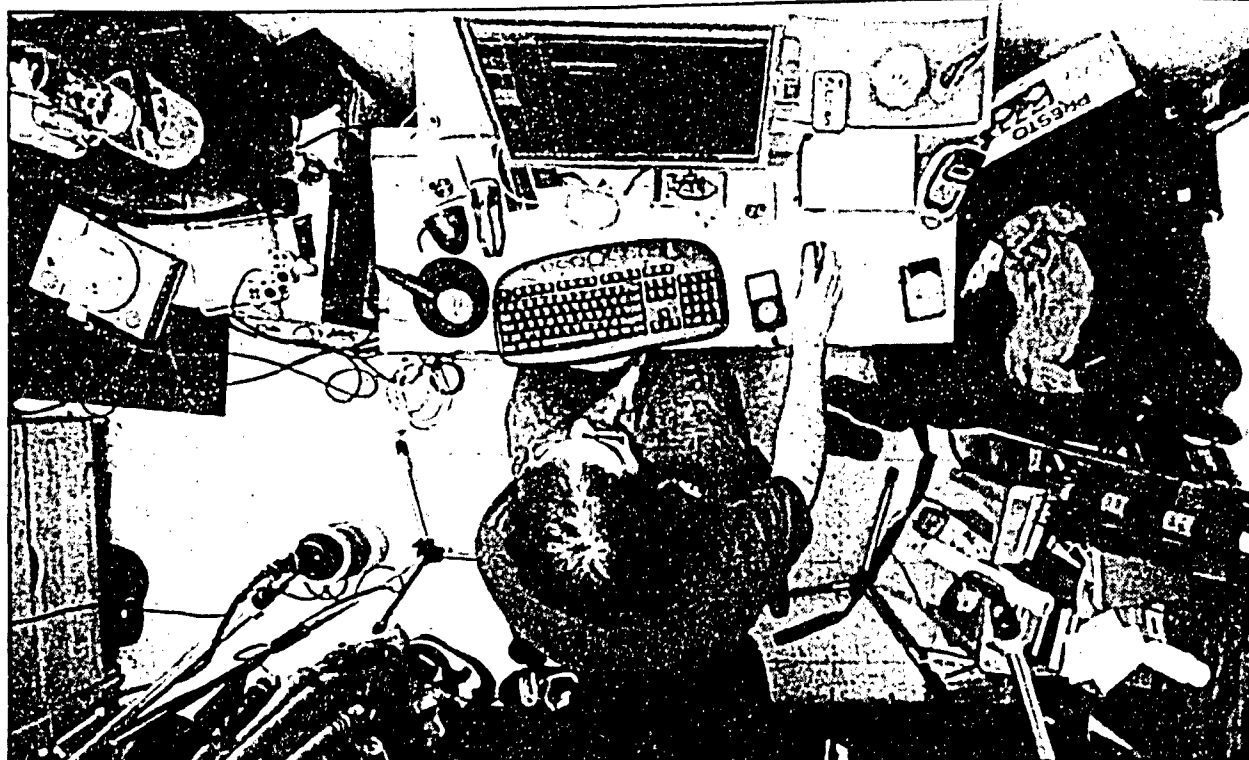
Director of information systems Jack Miller said this cap system was done away with at the beginning of Jan Term 2007 for several reasons.

"There wasn't very much interest to begin with," Miller said. The caps were also nearly pointless: when they were removed, bandwidth usage went up only fractionally.

"We learned that the real problem [with connection speed] is some bottlenecks we have, not bandwidth constraints," Miller said.

As it turns out, Cisco Systems Clean Access, the program Whitworth uses to protect the campus network from viruses, causes the bottleneck.

"The problem is not with Cisco Systems specifically," Miller said. "Any security system is going to slow you down, but without it there's just too much risk."



Thomas Robinson Whitworthian

Junior Shawn Tolley mixes loops to make a loop-based song on his computer March 11 in Stewart Hall.

Walt Seidel agreed, emphasizing the benefits Clean Access provides.

"It has been very, very effective for us," Seidel said. "Before we started using Clean Access, we had three to four virus outbreaks per semester. There have been no major problems since we started using Clean Access."

As for the slowdowns caused by Cisco, Miller said, "Students in general don't see the brunt of computer slowdowns." Instead, "it's people like CS majors who need to download large programs who really see the slowdowns."

Some students hold a different view. Freshman Austin Abelar is an avid gamer and a strong critic of Whitworth's Internet connections.

"It sucks, to be perfectly honest," Abelar said of his dorm connection. "Compared to other colleges, the speed at Whitworth is disappointingly inadequate."

Abelar is also critical of the wireless network.

"In the dorms, it has a very low signal – at least, that's the case in Arend," Abelar said.

Another freshman, Matt Deering, who is generally acknowledged by his dormmates as a computer whiz, said wireless connections on campus are almost as bad as using a dialup connection.

WIRELESS ACCESS

Whitworth has 50 wireless access points around campus, with 15 more going up soon, network manager Walt Seidel said. The map below shows the locations of Whitworth's wireless networks, according to the Computer Help Desk.



Image courtesy of the Computer Help Desk

Abelar said that the dorms in particular have very low signals.

Not all students have complaints about campus Internet. Nick De Benedetti, a senior who plays some of the same online games as Abelar, said he has no complaints about the connection speed.

"It's decent," De Benedetti said. "They give us plenty."

Transfer student Michael Korpi said that campus In-

ternet meets his academic needs but slows peer-to-peer downloading to a crawl.

While students hold differing views on the quality of Whitworth's Internet, Information Systems said they are working hard to maximize the quality of Internet available. In addition to expanding the wireless network, adjustments are being made to Cisco in attempts to maximize usable bandwidth.

"I've been working on that [the Clean Access bottleneck] for about three weeks now," Seidel said. "I think I've been able to make some improvements."

Regardless of how effective those improvements are, Miller said, it is unlikely that Internet speed on-campus will ever live up to everyone's expectations.

"No matter what we have," Miller said, "somebody will always want more."

Whitworth Speaks OUT

What are you doing for Spring Break?

"I'm going to Bozeman to learn how to fly-fish and go horseback riding and get wasted on Jesus Christ."



Lee Moser
Sophomore

"I'm boarding at Mission in Wenatchee and hanging out with family."



Brittany Johnson
Junior



Amanda Phelps-McKinnon
Freshman

"I am attacking my boyfriend in the airport because he's coming back from teaching in Japan."



Glen Guenther
Sophomore

"I'm going to Mexico to build a house."

Compiled by James Spung and Jesse Clark

ASWC takes action after CEC resignation

Tim Takechi
Staff writer

Improving race relations on campus was the focus of last week's ASWC meeting.

The meeting opened with the resignation of senior and cultural events coordinator Delia Orosco (see "Coordinator resigns over racial climate").

For the first two hours of the meeting, members and guests of ASWC discussed ways the student government can help reconcile hurt feelings about race on campus.

Senior and Duvall senator Seth Wall spoke of the need for student leaders to reflect on their own lives before leading the entire student body toward change.

"Each one of us needs to be vulnerable at some point, we all need to step back and look at our actions," Wall said. "We need to look at ourselves as student leaders and be critical of our actions."

Senior Sha'Nay McQuirter said the issue of racial prejudice starts with how people feel on the inside as well as how they act on the outside.

"People need to look at the monsters in their own closets. People need to deal with their issues and what's in their hearts first," McQuirter said. "Prejudice leads to discrimination and discrimination leads to racism."

Several members of ASWC suggested urging the college to change the academic curriculum offered to address issues of diversity. Ideas included adding a cultural awareness emphasis to freshmen seminar and changing the Core program to include a wider variety of non-European world views.

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Criticism about the Core program dealt with the focus on studying the lives and works of mostly Christian European men.

In reaction to the ideas for changes to the Core program, intramurals coordinator Eric Fredriksen said ASWC should pursue hearing all sides of the issue before making any significant decisions.

"It would be an extreme disappointment to get rid of the Presbyterian-leaning of the Whitworth Core program," Fredriksen said.

Senior class coordinator Denise Randle responded to Fredriksen by saying she should not be denied the opportunity to learn about her own culture simply because she is not of the majority.

ASWC President Fa'ana Fanene said it is not enough that students become aware of racial issues. She said students must also want to take an active role in building relationships and trust between minorities and non-minorities. Students must want to end discrimination in addition to learning about it.

"For me it's not preaching about not being racist, it's for people to be anti-racist," Fanene said.

Currently a Black Student Union ACTION team is acting as an ASWC subcommittee to explore ways to address racial issues on campus. During the meeting ASWC

voted unanimously to make the action team officially a subcommittee under ASWC. Executive vice president Andrea Naccarato said this was more of a clarification vote than an official decision for ASWC to sponsor the ACTION team.

The resignation of Orosco and community reaction to The Whitworthian article acted as a wake-up call to members of ASWC to address the issues of race relations on campus, Naccarato said after the meeting.

"I think as leaders it is always important to be aware of the climate and nature of the people you work for," Naccarato said. "As leaders we need to react to that and help promote discussion."

Possibly as a reaction to these issues, discussion has started in the form of an anonymous letter posted in various places around campus.

The letter is half a page long and contains no direct references to any specific person or organization.

Addressed to the "Unfinished," the letter calls for the reader to seriously think about the people in the world and their perspectives.

The writer calls for the readers to "step outside the realm of social constructions like race, that [readers] change [their] preconceived notions about the way the world operates."

At the end of the letter, the writer challenges readers to make an effort to look at the world from the point of view of people unfamiliar to themselves.

At time of print, the writer of the letter remained unknown.

Coordinator resigns over racial climate

Tim Takechi
Staff writer

Senior and cultural events coordinator Delia Orosco resigned from her position last week.

In a statement read to the Assembly on March 14, Orosco said she made her decision based on the difficulties of reconciling racial tensions on campus.

"With the most recent events regarding incidents on campus and The Whitworthian it has become evident to me that my dedication to help the campus understand diversity issues as useful and important to the Whitworth community has not been enough," Orosco said.

The letters to the editor in the March 13 issue of The Whitworthian exposed the fact that both latent and overt racism exists on campus, Orosco said.

Orosco said the suffering

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PROTESTS: Around 200 community members rally in Spokane to end the war in Iraq

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instead.

"I feel very strongly against the war," Huff said. "I think this is a good way to show Spokane that there are people willing to protest the war nonviolently."

Sophomore Kevin Johnson said he wanted to influence his state representatives by attending the rally.

"I'm hoping that we can get the message across to our senators and congressmen that we don't approve of involvement in Iraq," Johnson said.

Jason Farbman, a friend of Suarezdiaz and a representative of The Socialist Worker, also said student involvement is necessary for congressional action against the war.

"The student constituency can be very influential," Farbman said. "But time is limited."

Farbman said the time for students to act is now, and greater representation for the college age population is contingent on their participation in elections and involvement in interest groups.

The rally was largely organized by the Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane. The organization sought to inform the public of the benefits of removing the troops from Iraq.

"Our goal is to continue to keep pressure on the Congress to end this war," said Marianne Tones, a representative of PJALS. "There are better ways to deal with the problem than continued occupation."

Hollis Higgins, who played a large role in organizing the rally, has been involved in the anti-war movement for years. He was drafted into the army during the Viet-

nam War and stationed in Korea. Higgins described himself as an RIA — Resister in the Army.

"War is evidence of the unequal distribution of money in the world," Higgins said. "Just follow the money trail ... it's about America's involvement in the Iraq oil industry."

Suarezdiaz agreed that America's interest in Iraq's oil was the main cause of the war.

"The soldiers were lied to, to get them into the war," Suarezdiaz said. "It's a lie that the war is about freedom and democracy for the Iraqi people."

Suarezdiaz served in the navy for five years and spent six months in Iraq as a medic before he was seriously wounded in combat in 2005.

Suarezdiaz said soldiers in Iraq know they are not fighting for the liberation of the Iraqi people — they are only fighting to protect themselves and their fellow soldiers.

Former Spokane Mayor Sheri Barnard also spoke at the rally. Rusty Nelson, a member of PJALS, introduced her as "a great peacemaker," saying she "walked the talk of peace and justice."

"What we want for our children is food, education, love — not billions of dollars spent on Iraq," Barnard said.

In between speakers, a group of women called the Raging Grannies of Spokane sang anti-war songs set to familiar tunes, such as Frere Jacques. The women said there are many such groups around the world.

When the speakers had finished, a march was organized. There were signs with anti-war slogans handed out to those who



Jessica Carrier/Whitworthian

The Bush Chain Gang, which is sponsored by the Backbone campaign, marches with protestors on Division Street in Spokane on Saturday, March 17.

wanted one, and a marching band called P JAMRS took the lead. As the group of people walked up and down Division, many of the people driving past honked their horns and waved or gave the peace sign. Others yelled things like, "hippies" or simply looked away.

One woman said she was carrying on the tradition of marching for peace — her parents had been a part of the anti-war movement during the Vietnam War.

Whitworth students at the rally said more students need to participate in anti-war ral-

lies and protests if they want their voices to be heard.

"Other students need to actually be involved, and not just talk about it," freshman Leslie Yoder said. "I'm here to represent younger people, and show our government that we do have an interest."

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For more pictures of the anti-war rally go to: www.whitworthian.com

D.C.: Students hitchhike to protest after accident with semi totals car

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announced the students' story to the 3000 other participants at the Cathedral.

"We were instant celebrities among the 3000 people, and became known as 'the four from Spokane'," Dahmen said.

The students were also interviewed by Presbyterian Today

magazine, and Sojourners: Christians for Justice and Peace.

"By participating in the movement, we wanted to show people that there's a different face to Christianity," Dahmen said. "Not all Christians support the war. It's not God ordained ... I'm pro-life, and so I don't support the killing that's going on in Iraq. As Christians, we can't be hypocritical."

critical."

Vander Giessen said he acted on his convictions by participating in the movement.

"I realized that this was something I could do," Vander Giessen said. "A movement of Christians gathering together in peace is powerful."

The students have begun to formulate plans for sharing their

convictions in a non-confrontational way with the Whitworth campus.

"We've got a few ideas," Kyle Nevis, a friend of the students who participated, said. "Jesus says to love your neighbor, and I think it's important to focus on loving them, not on changing their opinion on a certain matter."

Dahmen said he hopes to con-

tinue motivating students on campus by telling his story, and by speaking of the amazing generosity and compassion he witnessed in the Christians he met during the movement.

"It's not just the story we tell, it's the way we live," Dahmen said. "We definitely accomplished what we wanted to do. This was a risk we wanted to take."

Campus BRIEFS

Student photos of Jan Term will be shared Tues.

"Perspectives," a program featuring student submitted photographs from their Jan Term experiences, will take place Tuesday, March 20, at 9 p.m. in the Boppell Hall Lounge.

Several students will share stories of their Jan Term experiences. Photographs will be displayed and snacks will be provided.

Lecture to give Filipino view on third world aid

Ruth Callanta will lecture Thursday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the Robinson Teaching Theatre. Her lecture is titled "Christian Micro-Enterprise — the New Model for Aid in Developing Countries: A Philippine Perspective." Callanta is the founder of the Center for Community Transformation. The event is free to all.

Compiled by Leah Motz

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

In the March 13 issue of The Whitworthian, senior and senior class coordinator Denise Randle's name was spelled incorrectly on second reference and her title was left out due to a copy editing error.

In the same article, senior Sha'Nay McQuirter did not say the statements below due to a reporting error. Senior Delia Orosco said the following statements: "ASWC and the campus should work together to investigate the situation and find out where things went wrong," and the quote, "I ask you to join to take action and prevent actions from happening in the future."

In the information box titled "trendy jeans" on page nine, the decimal point in the total cost of credit after three years was in the wrong place. The number should have read \$113.26.

The UCLA Bruins were shown as being seeded No. 1 in the NCAA Tournament Picks. The Bruins are the No. 2 seed in the West Region and will play their Sweet 16 game this Thursday.

Fred "get down with your bad self" Funk was not a guard for the Creighton Bluejays. Fred Funk is a professional golfer who has one win on the PGA Tour this season. Nate Funk was the senior guard for Creighton. He scored 23 points in the Bluejays First Round overtime loss to Nevada 77-71.

In the 2007 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Bracket, the No. 16 seed opposite No. 1 Kansas should have been left blank. That game was the Play-in game between the 64-65 seeded teams in this year's NCAA Tournament. Niagara defeated Florida A&M 77-69.

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College revises disaster plan

Flu pandemic on the way, says director

Trevor Hansen
Staff writer

In the near future, Whitworth will release the final draft of "Disaster Preparedness: Everyone's Responsibility," a booklet designed to help community members prepare for a serious disaster.

According to a draft posted at the Health and Counseling Center's Web site, "Spokane's Fire storm 1991 and Ice storm 1996, along with previous flu pandemics, show us that disasters can happen here."

Some of the concerns mentioned in the booklet include potential natural disasters, terrorist attacks and infectious diseases.

The booklet is not Whitworth's first attempt at preparing for emergencies. The college has a long-standing emergency response plan (ERP), currently the responsibility of Marisha Hamm, manager of environmental health, safety and security.

ERP & ICS

Hamm said Whitworth's emergency response plan was written before she took her position and is based on the Incident Command System (ICS). Hamm said ICS is designed to provide organization for emergency response and emphasized that the key concepts are defined responsibilities. Various staff and faculty members around campus have specific roles to play in a given emergency, roles that can be turned over to professional emergency personnel if necessary.

"It's not one plan for a fire, one plan for an ice storm, one plan for a gas leak," Hamm said. "The idea is to have one plan that can fit all situations."

While Whitworth's ERP is designed to be comprehensive, Hamm said the plan is designed

most specifically around the five most likely disasters, which could include fires or snow and ice storms. Hamm said her biggest concerns are weather related.

"If it's 50 below zero and we lose power like we did in the ice storm, so there are students here on campus with no heat, I would consider that a serious emergency," Hamm said.

Flu Pandemic

Another potential disaster addressed by the ERP is the danger of infectious disease.

Jan Murray, director of the Health Center, said the worldwide medical community believes a pandemic flu is inevitable and coming soon.

"It's not if, it's when," Murray said, adding that pandemics typically occur every 30 to 60 years. "I don't say this to frighten people; it is a historic reality."

The last pandemic hit during 1968-1969 and claimed between 40,000 and 50,000 lives in the United States, above and beyond the roughly 30,000 who die annually in the United States from regular strains of the flu (influenza).

Compared to the 1918-1919 Spanish Flu pandemic, which according to the Centers for Disease Control killed 50 million worldwide, the 1968-69 pandemic was relatively tame.

Murray said there is no way to predict how severe the next pandemic may be, but cautioned it will spread faster and more easily than historic pandemics thanks to the ease of global travel.

Murray said she was heavily involved in writing the disaster preparedness booklet Whitworth will release. The booklet was fueled in part by Murray's concerns about the danger a pandemic presents, and much of the advice in the booklet was written with pandemics in mind.

"We've spent a lot of time and energy on this," Murray said. "We don't want people to be concerned

Emergency response plan

Follow these simple guidelines to be prepared for any serious emergency:

Have these supplies:

- ▶Two- to four-week supply of food and drinking water.
- ▶Three-month supply of prescription drugs.
- ▶Nonprescription drugs and other health supplies such as pain relievers, cough and cold medicine and vitamins.

To limit infection in case of disease:

- ▶Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water.
- ▶Cover your mouth and nose during coughs and sneezes.
- ▶If ill, stay away from others as much as possible.

Information courtesy of "Disaster Preparedness"

or panicky that we're not prepared. This issue is on the forefront for Whitworth and the county, and in fact all over the nation."

That preparation includes the ERP.

"In the event of a widespread influenza epidemic, the Spokane Regional Health District will be monitoring and advise us when closure is recommended," Murray said in an e-mail. "There are plans for evacuation for those people who can be evacuated. For people who cannot evacuate, we have a contingency plan for housing until evacuation is feasible."

In the event of a widespread pandemic flu, Murray said the CDC recommends campuses close for six to eight weeks.

"Nobody wants to say this, but that's probably the minimum," Murray said. She also said since the last pandemic hit in waves, Whitworth could see more than one school closure.

For students unable to return home in the event of a school closure, Whitworth is working to stock food and other CDC recommended emergency supplies. Murray said the disaster preparedness booklet asks students to make emergency plans with their families, including transportation home.

What Students Can Do

The booklet outlines various steps students, their families and other community members can take to prepare for disasters. The online draft recommends students stay in shape, receive flu shots and keep a large enough supply of their prescription medicine to last several weeks.

Additionally, Murray said hand sanitizer dispensers will be going up around the campus to promote general health and also to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Students can expect to see the dispensers in residence halls, classrooms and offices.

"The best thing for students is to know the evacuation routes and meeting points for their dorms," Hamm said. "You should treat all alarms as if they were real."

Both Hamm and Murray pointed to past successes with Whitworth's ERP.

During the 1996 ice storm, the campus was successfully evacuated after Whitworth lost power and water pressure, Murray said.

More recently, Hamm pointed to a natural gas leak that occurred in Boppell Hall during fall 2005. She and other Whitworth staff responded to the situation until the fire department arrived and took over.

"In that situation, things worked the way they were supposed to," Hamm said.

QUESTIONS: Nearly one-third of classes taught by adjuncts in SGCM

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was informed by Le Roy's predecessor that, in accordance with college policy, his visiting appointment needed to end.

The position was advertised in national publications since last fall.

"This year the position was converted to a tenure-track position and Rob was invited to apply," the e-mail read. "It is college policy that all tenure-track faculty must be hired in a competitive national search."

Le Roy's e-mail recognized student involvement and apologized for the miscommunication.

"Many of you communicated to the search committee and the administration about your preferences for the search and you deserve a response," Le Roy's e-mail read.

Senior business management and accounting double major Lauren Kleinschmidt expressed frustration after learning of Wilson's departure.

"I don't think I've ever

been so disheartened before. The day I found out I sat in class and cried," Kleinschmidt said. "I was angry and confused and had no one giving me any response or feedback."

Students were not officially notified of Wilson's departure until Le Roy's e-mail last Friday.

Hinnenkamp said it was an oversight for the information not to be provided to students. Le Roy's e-mail apologized for the lack of communication.

The communication was appreciated by most students, but some felt the hiring process was flawed.

When she learned that Wilson might not return to Whitworth, Kleinschmidt wanted students to have an outlet for their opinions.

With other students, she organized and monitored a Facebook group to support Wilson last December.

The group description reads "This group is devoted to Whitworth students who feel that the SGCM at Whitworth College would be at a great loss without

Rob's influence and real world application."

Wilson's influence has been felt by current and graduated students.

"I felt I would really learn something from him; I always liked going to his classes," business management '06 alumna Denise Hewett said. "I always wanted to put in more effort to gain more."

Current senior business management and marketing double major Amber Matthai belongs to one of two Facebook groups supporting Wilson.

"In the course of trying to get a better professor, they're kicking out an amazing professor," Matthai said.

Matthai said losing Wilson and Usrey will change department dynamics.

Students were encouraged through the Facebook group to submit a petition expressing appreciation for Wilson. Kleinschmidt estimated that 25 student petitions were submitted electronically to Robinson beginning last semester.

At the time of publication, Kleinschmidt had not received a response from Robinson.

"To completely disregard our business's customers, us the students, is ridiculous," Kleinschmidt said.

Hinnenkamp addressed additional concerns regarding the use of adjuncts in the department.

"We have had more adjuncts than some departments and less than others and it has varied over time," Hinnenkamp said.

He said unforeseeable circumstances in the weeks before classes started left the department scrambling for replacements.

"The team was cut to the bare bones so we had to scramble," Hinnenkamp said. "We did the best we could."

There are currently seven adjuncts teaching 11 of 30 classes this spring, Hinnenkamp said.

Hinnenkamp said he believed the number of adjuncts in the department was partly a function of

growth.

"Growth is a good thing, but it's also a negative thing," Hinnenkamp said. "We're strapped for resources. Everybody on campus is screaming for resources."

He said efforts are being made to address additional concerns expressed by students. In the upcoming months, faculty will examine the function of the senior capstone class.

"It was one of those last fall that was a nightmare. It wasn't just a staffing issue," Hinnenkamp said. "We have serious questions as to whether or not it's meeting the needs of our students."

In his e-mail, Le Roy said Hinnenkamp will be organizing time for students to meet with Le Roy and answer their questions. Hinnenkamp said it will probably be an open forum where students can raise concerns.

— Branden Cate contributed to this report

Christmas tree to be replaced in Loop

James Spung
Staff writer

For many Christmas seasons, decorative lights hung from the boughs of the campus Christmas tree that stood between the Campanile and what is now the Hello Walk.

This year, the tradition may be revived on a new tree.

The Colorado blue spruce, once a decorated December hallmark, was removed following a Dec. 15 windstorm last year, but it will be replaced so students can once again ready themselves for the Christmas season, said Ed Kelly, director of facilities services.

"We had a tree there. It was a Christmas tree. The students used it as a Christmas tree, so we're replacing it for the students and to maintain the appearance of the campus," Kelly said.

Another Colorado blue spruce will be placed on the east side of the Campanile instead of the north side sometime this spring, arborist Will Mellott said.

"We wanted a tree that students could enjoy as a Christmas tree without having to use a cherry picker," said English professor Leonard Oakland, who chairs the Task Force on Trees, a watchdog committee of faculty and staff that inventories trees on



Tyler Zuck/Whitworthian

A stake and sawdust is all that remains of the Colorado blue spruce students had decorated for Christmas. The tree was damaged in a wind storm last December.

campus and approves their removal.

Students had decorated the tree with lights at Thanksgiving each year in preparation for winter break and Christmas. The

tradition ended a few years ago when the tree grew too tall, Oakland said.

"[The tree] got so high that we had to put a cherry picker out there so [students]

could get to the top," Kelly said.

Oakland added that the operation of a boom lift when decorating the tree created liability problems because it was used by students.

Some students hung their own decorations on the tree when it was still being decorated regularly.

Senior Brennan McQuerry hung a lighted smiley face, the traditional symbol of McMillan Hall, on the tree during his sophomore year.

"We decided to make a smiley face as a symbol of McMillan Hall, and then we climbed up and hung it from the top," McQuerry said.

When contractors built the Hello Walk in the summer of 2005, they cut many of the former tree's roots that were critical to its stability, Mellott said.

This year, the tree was leaning heavily and was too close to the sidewalk, and would have fallen over eventually, Kelly said.

"The idea was to try to save the tree, but because it was sliding or moving, it posed a threat," Mellott said in an e-mail. "Any time a tree becomes more of a liability than an asset, it needs to be removed. No tree is worth property damage or getting someone seriously injured."

Speaker asks students to see Iran with new eyes

James Spung
Staff writer

Iran appears to be the next target in the United States' continuing effort to root out terrorism and promote democracy in the Middle East — but the Iranian people should be seen as distinct from the government that represents them internationally, an Iranian business consultant said.

At a lecture in the Robinson Teaching Theatre last week, human resources consultant Shahrzad Saderi said the people of Iran are changing, and both Iran's government and the international community must realize how.

"Iran is changing. A new generation is expressing its presence, so they have to be counted differently and seen with new eyes," said Saderi, an Iranian educated in the United States.

Saderi's lecture was the third in the 50th annual Great Decisions lecture series, which is co-sponsored by the School of Global Commerce and Management and the Department of Political Science.

"We wanted students to have a chance to see someone from Iran," said Kyle Usrey, former dean of the School of Global Commerce and Management. "We wanted exposure to a different viewpoint."

Saderi emphasized Iran's growing rates of citizen participation in the government as an encouraging sign of the increasing democratization of the country.

"In a democracy, agreement is not essential, but participation is," Saderi said.

Saderi sought to give the approximately 120 people in attendance a different perspective of the Iranian people than the negative perception that tends to come across in the American media.

"Iranians oppose American foreign policy, but they love the American people," Saderi said. "We have nothing against American people, and hope we differentiate between what the media puts out and the voice of the people. It's not the same."

Shahrokh Nikfar, who attended the lecture and hosts a weekly radio show called "The Persian

Hour" on 92.3 FM from noon to 1 p.m. on Sundays, moved from Iran to the United States in 1978. Upon returning to Iran 22 years later, he said the American media had tainted even his view of Iranians.

"When I went there, I discovered that I had demonized Iranians — I'm from there, and I had demonized them systematically through the media," Nikfar said.

Nikfar said the Iran he found when he returned in 2000 stunned him.

"The people are so beautiful and so giving," Nikfar said. "There are parts of the government that are disappointing, but the government does not reflect the people."

Saderi said after years of oppression, the Iranian government has provided for greater civil rights and political freedoms.

"The government has opened up," she said. "You don't see the police taking someone away because their scarf was too far back on their forehead. The government has learned that if they want to survive, they have to work with



Photo courtesy of JJ Ekin

Human resources consultant Shahrzad Saderi addresses students last week in Weyerhaeuser.

young people and give greater freedom."

Freedom, however, proves precarious in Iran.

"You're free, but at any time that could be taken away," Saderi said.

After examining Iran's history, government and changing demographics, Saderi opened a discus-

sion with the audience, during which concerns emerged about Iran's motives for attempting to develop nuclear power.

Audience members questioned the purpose behind Iran's nuclear program, some suggesting the Iranian government may be covering up its true intentions of developing nuclear weapons.

Saderi said despite suspicions that Iran's clandestine operation may be developing weapons of mass destruction, Iran is not keeping its nuclear program a secret.

"It is open. It's being audited. Twelve different countries are overseeing the nuclear areas," she said. "One solution was to put in cameras, and we have done that."

Overall, the world should notice that political freedoms have grown in Iran since the revolution in 1979, Saderi said.

"People can openly object to the government. When you get in a taxi, the first thing they say is, 'Oh my God, did you hear what they did today,'" she said. "The benefits of the revolution are that Iran has practiced more democracy."

RESIGNS: Coordinator says all levels of leadership as well as community failed

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experienced by the community shows a failure of leadership at all levels. She called for the members of ASWC, administration, faculty, staff and the entire community to come together in justice and reconciliation.

"We have failed to live up to our very standards of a Christ-centered community that honors God, follows Christ and serves humanity," Orosco said.

Senior and senior class coordinator Denice Randle volunteered to take Orosco's position as an interim until ASWC appoints someone to fill the position until the end of

"We have failed to live up to our very standards of a Christ-centered community that honors God, follows Christ and serves humanity."

Delia Orosco,
senior and former cultural
events coordinator

the school year.

Randle reminded the members of ASWC that in order for progress to be made, everyone needs to remember to come together as unified body.

"For the leaders of ASWC who are here, we are a family. Instead of

being quick to replace [Delia], we need to take time to mourn her loss," Randle said.

This week ASWC will interview candidates for next year's coordinator positions, including the vacant cultural events coordinator.

Whoever is hired as the next CEC will be asked to serve the rest of Orosco's term with pay immediately following spring break, said Andrea Naccarato, ASWC executive vice president.

"The cultural events coordinator was a new position, and [Delia Orosco] set a high standard for what that position looks like," Naccarato said.

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IN THE LOOP

An editorial

Vocation video a bit too confining

Vocation and calling, a Whitworth calling card, was given a concrete definition.

The college, in collaboration with a Whitworth graduate, recently released "Art in Me: An exploration of vocation and calling." The DVD is aimed at educating college students to discover who they are and explore their individual places in the world.

This DVD features members of the current student body and successful Whitworth graduates who have developed a clear understanding of their calling and vocation. It asks essential questions to help students determine where they fit in a complicated world.

The DVD is very well made, informative and even inspiring for some, yet leaves a few questions unanswered.

For one, every student and professor who was highlighted in the video incorporated the Christian faith into their comments at some point, leaving the viewer with the question "How does vocation and calling work for non-Christians?"

This is important to Whitworth because the college does not require (or want in our estimation) every new student to be a Christian. The college is open to having a diversified student body that holds a wide variety of views, religious and otherwise, but this is not accurately reflected by the DVD.

The benefits of self-discovery apply to Christians and non-Christians alike, Dale Soden, one of the executive producers and executive assistant to the president said. He mentioned that leading a meaningful life is a bigger word for vocation and that nine out of the ten questions the video asks are not Christian-specific. Rather they are questions that everyone can and should answer in life.

While this is the case, the fact remains that non-Christians were not given an example to follow in the video.

The second critique is that none of the examples given were people who work in the world of money or law. While not every profession could be represented, there were no investment bankers, accountants or lawyers in the video. The School of Global Commerce and Management is the biggest school at Whitworth and these students will be working and living in the dog-eat-dog world of money and power-brokers.

It would be helpful for students who hold goals to become financially secure by working in the business world to understand how that plays out in the discovery of a meaningful life.

Whitworth is a place where non-Christians and Christians both are welcomed and encouraged to grow as individuals over the time they are here. These questions deserve serious consider, especially as Whitworth moves forward with its name change and looks to set policy regarding a stance on discrimination.

"In the Loop," written by the editorial board, represents the editorial voice of The Whitworthian.

Are athletes at fault?

Professional athletes have a sense of entitlement. Is it justified? Writers square off on the issue.

JUSTIN LINDBORG
Writer



What happens when you mix athletic genius, unbound wealth and young men taught from an early age that they can do no wrong?

You get domestic violence, rape, carelessness and any number of other cases

of young athletes acting impulsively, committing a crime, having a moment of infamy and then posting an exorbitant bail and shortly thereafter getting off scot-free.

On the morning of Monday, Feb. 5, a woman called the police from Sacramento King Ron Artest's home claiming she had been assaulted by Artest.

Two weeks later, Tennessee Titan Adam "Pacman" Jones was involved in a shooting in a strip club in Las Vegas shortly after an impulsive, drunken display of "making it rain" dollar bills all over the stage. The shooting paralyzed Jones' bodyguard Tommy Urbanski and injured two others.

In either case the argument could be made that the athlete in question was merely exploited by those around him out of jealousy. But the amazing thing is how doggedly these kinds of instances follow professional athletes with seemingly unlimited wealth. From Bodie Miller's flippant treatment of the Olympic games, saying he "got to party and socialize at an Olympic level," to the actions of Artest and Jones, it is clear that big paychecks combined with little responsibility has caused a mentality in these athletes which cannot be characterized as anything good.

They, and the many others like them, seem to think that, just because they can outperform their peers on the field, they are somehow entitled to do anything and everything they desire off the field. Society cannot, however, wash its already sullied hands of the responsibility for these headstrong competitors. American culture has glorified, even deified, them.

Between celebrity advertising, massive fan bases and paychecks reaching into the stratosphere, these athletes are surrounded by a culture which tells them that because they can perform well, they are entitled to whatever their heart desires. We, as a society and as sports fans give them no reason not to do whatever they want. On the contrary, we encourage it. All they do is act accordingly.

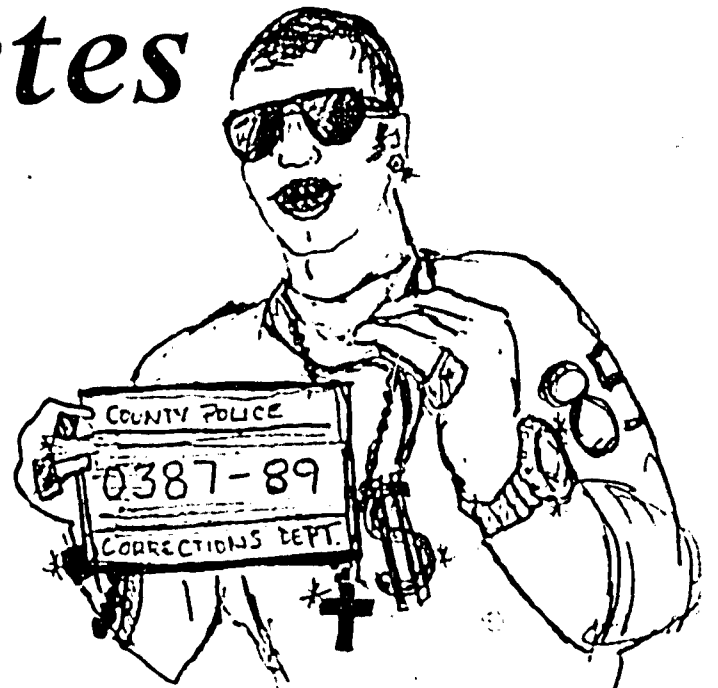
This does not cancel out the fact that these athletes are human. They and they alone are responsible for their actions. They may think they can do what they wish irrespective of the rights of others, yet there is a standard which they are not entitled to cross.

Ethical arguments aside, there are laws by which we all must abide, superstar athlete or no. Yet these physical divas are finding methods to skirt even these. A bail is posted, and while no ordinary citizen could afford to pay it, someone with a seven-figure income is somehow undaunted by even the most horrendous prices.

If anything, the very athletes we hear about after their latest late-night fiasco or domestic disturbance should be supporting the very laws they are bending. Who else does a budding high school competitor look up to if not the cream of the crop, the best of the best of his respective sport?

If the image that adolescent athletes see as the epitome of their sport is someone who parties hard and manipulates those around him for personal gratification, it will be no surprise if that adolescent turns out just like his predecessor. It becomes a self-perpetuating cycle of abuse and of narcissism and unless there is a change from the top down in attitude and maybe a lesson or two in humility it will only continue.

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Dana Painter Whitworthian

In a period of nine months, nine Cincinnati Bengals football players were arrested on charges ranging from DUI's, to possession of marijuana, to resisting arrest outside of a nightclub.

All these incidents were instigated by professional athletes who make anywhere from \$300,000 dollars to more than \$8 million per year.

This is scary. How can these athletes who are role models to children and teenagers be so stupid as to put their lives and careers in jeopardy by abusing their money and abusing the privilege they have of playing a sport for money?

It is easy. We did it to them.

Yes, every fan that knows the SportsCenter jingle by heart, every fan that has paid \$65 for a mid-level seat in their local arena and every fan that has skipped work or school to watch a NCAA tournament basketball game is at fault.

We, the adoring public, have put professional athletes on a granite pedestal that grows taller every season.

It is easy to point to individual players as being immature and unprofessional and therefore undeserving of huge contracts and celebrity treatment, but that explanation simply falls short of reality. Reality is that professional athletes have done everything asked of them by the public and have been handsomely rewarded for it.

If a city wants a winning team, the owner has a simple formula to follow: Spend as much money on players as it takes to build a team that is good enough to beat every other team in the sport. If it doesn't work out, try harder and spend more the next year.

When drafted, these young athletes are given multi-million dollar signing bonuses with the understanding that they will perform at the next level. When they perform, they are rewarded again when it is time for a new contract.

The owner's spending goes directly into athlete's pocket-books. They buy anything and everything they want, from cars to necklaces to diamond rings. Included in these contracts is guaranteed power and influence over the groupies that seem to gravitate towards the young and the rich.

With their newfound riches and celebrity status, the city they land in is theirs. They go to the expensive clubs, they look for the glamorous women and their reputation precedes them. They are invincible ... and all thanks to the fans that pay their salaries.

While this "contract based on performance" process is much like how a civilian business runs. There is an incredible amount of pressure on young athletes and they do not always have the wisdom and knowledge to deal with it at their age.

"We're professionals. We're all supposed to be professionals and handle ourselves like professionals. That didn't always happen with our team," Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer said after the ninth arrest.

Palmer talks about professionalism, a professionalism many athletes have never learned. They have grown up being adored for their athletic abilities, not taught how to be a professional. So, when given the power that comes with having riches, they are unsure how to react and they react in a way that their competitive nature lends itself to. They are given the world and they take it, even if that world is sometimes outside the law.

The basic principle here is that we overvalue athletics in our society to the point where every misstep an athlete makes is celebrity news that circulates among a huge percentage of the American population. And thanks to the public's pedestal treatment of athletes, it is impossible to hold them harshly accountable for the seemingly "invincible" mantra they inherit as the latest group of young, rich athletes.

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Words, words, words, words, words

Rob Wilson is leaving and you are not going to do anything about it

GALEN
SANFORD
Writer



This article is about Invisible Children, LS 350 projects, 2 million people in Darfur, Rob Wilson and how these issues make Whitworth students generally look irresponsible.

Invisible Children is visiting again. I wasn't here for their last visit, but I hear it shook the campus. Apparently the shaking stopped. Not that the children aren't commuting anymore. Not that the Lord's Resistance Army has stopped using child soldiers. But at least at Whitworth, things are peaceful again. We did our part: We bought the bracelets, made our protest and walked a mile in their shoes. That was enough.

The LS 350 project will be hitting campus again after spring break. A good part of the campus participates each year and a good part of the campus forgets immediately afterwards.

Thankfully the band-aid, which a good part of the campus pays for, does keep humans alive. Sadly, two fasts a year are making little headway. It doesn't change the way you live, so every semester it fails. We fast, but once the fast ends, we go back to our lives.

Two million people are still displaced in Darfur. We're aware of this. It's convenient that they are on a different continent, a \$1,200 plane ticket away, so we don't have to actually deal with them. We increase awareness but that's all we do.

Rob Wilson, visiting associate professor of economics and business department, is being replaced. Students are upset, fellow faculty are upset and in general those affected are disappointed.

Students have started petitions and Facebook groups. But that's the extent of their action.

How much do you, the students really care about the LRA, starving people, Darfurians and Rob? Are you willing to gather and brainstorm and put into action a plan to give Rob a new professorship at Whitworth?

I talked to a faculty member from Rob's department, and in our conversation it became clear that an endowed professorship for Rob would be welcomed. His department wants him to stay — they just can't afford it.

Are you willing to act like Amnesty International and organize a million student petition to ask China to do something about Darfur? Are you willing to even apply to intern with Invisible Children in Uganda? Are you willing to do more than fast for the hungry of the world?

I don't think you are willing. I don't think you care.

On March 1, Jose Ignacio de Juana, a writer for a Basque newspaper in Spain, ended his hunger strike. He had fasted for 100 days. Ignacio de Juana viewed his prison sentence for writing newspaper articles as unjust so to protest he stopped eating. He shrunk to 100 pounds before Spanish authorities acquiesced.

Ghandi often fasted. Alice Paul and Lucy Burns used their starvation as a catalyst to earn women suffrage. Jesus fasted to purify himself before he began his ministry.

Do you believe in any idea strongly enough that you would stop eating to prove its importance?

I'm not advocating you starve yourself

on Rob Wilson's behalf. I'm only asking if you care enough about any cause to make a sacrifice for it. That sacrifice may mean making a few phone calls or writing letters to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation or Boeing. It might mean sacrificing your nights to mobilize your friends to raise a few million dollars. It might mean being ridiculed for caring so much.

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It's easy to complain about "administration," but the power isn't only in their hands. You have the ability to act, too. Any bee can discover a flower patch. Any bird can lead the flock. Any human can move the world. Are you willing to take your reaction to the issues we face past mere words? Beyond abstract theories?

Considering the pain of sacrifice, noble causes just aren't that important, are they? Our aversion to suffering may explain why so many of us are willing to watch 2 million people in Darfur swelter under the heat of oppression, justifying our inaction by vowing to increase awareness of the issue.

Our inability to commit explains why we buy bracelets, why we fast for two days, still eating rice. Our self-obsession explains why we mourn the loss of a professor until he's walked around the corner, justifying ourselves with complaints about administration and their policies. When actually the real reason Rob Wilson won't be with us is us.

I wrestle with these pressures, too.

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ISSUES IN THE
INFORMATION AGE

Wikipedia challengers face accuracy issues

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If Citizendium or Conservapedia have their way, Wikipedia will be king of the online encyclopedia realm no longer.

The two new competitors both hope to unseat the popular user-moderated site, though for different reasons. One — Citizendium — is the product of Larry Sanger, a former Wikipedia insider, and seeks to lend the reassuring, authoritative voice of vetted experts to its entries.

The other — Conservapedia — is the aptly-named brainchild of Andy Schlafly, a member of a conservative think tank, and seeks to counter Wikipedia's perceived anti-Christian and anti-American bias.

There are plenty of "wikis" scattered across the web, reflecting minority interests, ranging from the controversial (like the Christian origins site CreationWiki) to the inane (a wiki project devoted entirely to lore from Blizzard's "Warcraft" video game series, for example). But these two are the first to try to take Wikipedia head-on.

Sanger, a Wikipedia co-creator, was an editor-in-chief for the site until he was laid-off from the project in 2002. During that time he conceived of a "citizen's compendium" that would offer a better, more managed source of information than Wikipedia.

From Sanger's perspective, Wikipedia has become "committed to amateurism," and the cases of public figures such as John Seigenthaler, on whose Wikipedia page a false allegation of murder survived for more than 100 days, only drove that point home.

So far, the Citizendium project has yet to go live, since a central philosophy of the site is that nothing will be published online until thoroughly reviewed. This involves editors, proofreaders as well as moderators termed "constables" — and in order to even qualify to become a constable, a user needs to possess a bachelor's degree.

In stark contrast to this expert approach, many of the earliest Conservapedia entries read as though they were written by children. Early on, the entry for communism consisted entirely of the line: "Communists believe that if they share everything, no one will ever have to work."

In fact, being written by children isn't far off the mark: Conservapedia first emerged as the product of about 50 homeschooled students under the personal tutelage of the site's founder.

A bigger problem than over-simplification and easily-corrected inaccuracy is a Bible-thumping tone that seems strident even for a site wearing its Christian affiliation on its sleeve.

Consider this early entry on the theory of gravity: "The considerable disagreement between scientists about the theory of gravity suggests that, like evolution, the theory will eventually be replaced with a model which acknowledges God as the source of all things, the Prime Mover, and the only real fundamental force in the universe."

Currently, Conservapedia has made an about-face and edited the entry to close with the assertion that "gravitation is responsible for the formation of the earth and sun, the stars and the planets." No mention of God anywhere, and credit for the creation of the earth and stars given to natural forces, departing widely from the creation account in Genesis.

Was this the product of non-conservative vandals? Perhaps. But such a divided mindset is likely to plague Conservapedia until its detractors grow bored and move on from planting satirical and intentionally ridiculous edits in various entries.

Until the furor settles down, both sites serve more as reminders of the transient nature of wiki information projects — Wikipedia included — than anything else. Citizendium may seem standoffish and aloof and Conservapedia rabidly partisan, but Wikipedia, too, should always be subject to a skeptical eye.

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The pill for men and other birth control tips

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In 1960, two little words changed the way women thought about their bodies: "The Pill."

Now, 47 years later, those two little words also apply to men.

British scientists are developing a male birth control pill that prevents the ejaculation of sperm. The hormone-free pill could be on the market in five years.

Rather than preventing sperm production, the pill affects the contraction of the muscle that controls ejaculation, resulting in a dry ejaculation. The pill is taken a few hours before having sex and is more user-friendly than other male contraceptive methods such as vasectomy, injections or implants. The new male pill is truly a temporary birth-control method — the effects wear off within half a day.

I know what some men out there are thinking. What if the pill turns out to act like Viagra's evil twin and negatively affects sexual performance? No worries, the pill won't interfere with performance or orgasm sensation, researchers say. Unfortunately, researchers do not yet know whether any health complications, like impotence, could result from taking the new male birth control pill.

For more information, go to The Whitworthian online for links to articles on this topic.

But what if you're a woman?

There are plenty of birth con-

trol methods available to you besides condoms, which I have discussed in previous columns. Every year, 85 percent of women who have intercourse without using any method of birth control become pregnant. The only 100 percent effective method of birth control is abstinence, but using birth control correctly can greatly reduce the risk of an unplanned pregnancy.

One popular method is hormonal oral contraception — the pill — which is taken daily to maintain the level of hormone necessary to prevent pregnancy in women. Both combination (estrogen and progestin) and progestin-only pills prevent pregnancy and are made of hormones like those made by a woman's ovaries.

Combination pills usually work by preventing a woman's ovaries from releasing eggs (ovulation) and also thicken the cervical mucus, which keeps sperm from joining with an egg. Progestin-only pills usually work by thickening the cervical mucus but don't always prevent ovulation.

Okay, sounds great. But what if you don't think you'll re-

member to take the pill every day? The birth control patch, Ortho Evra, is a thin, beige, plastic patch that sticks to a woman's skin and releases synthetic estrogen and progestin to protect against pregnancy. A new patch is placed on the skin once a week for three weeks in a row but no patch is used in the fourth week.



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Pregnancy can happen if an error is made in using the patch, especially if the patch becomes loose or falls off for more than 24 hours, or if the same patch is left on the skin for more than one week.

Still don't think you can remember to change the patch every week? Okay-dokey, try the ring. NuvaRing is a small, flexible ring that is inserted into the vagina once a month, is left in place for three weeks, and is taken out for the fourth week. The ring releases synthetic estrogen and progestin just like the pill and the patch.

The pill, patch and ring all use hormones to prevent pregnancy. They can also provide non-contraceptive health benefits like preventing acne, certain uterine and ovarian cancers, anemia, non-cancerous breast growths,

osteoporosis, ovarian cysts and premenstrual symptoms.

With perfect use, there is less than a one percent chance that a woman taking the pill will become pregnant in her first year taking it. With less-than-perfect use, the risk of pregnancy goes up. While there have been no studies published about Ortho Evra or NuvaRing's effectiveness, it is assumed that the patch and ring will be just as effective as the pill when used perfectly.

Bottom line: Talk to your doctor about the medicines you already take before you get a prescription for any method of birth control. Your doctor will evaluate the risks involved with taking hormonal birth control, and he or she may need to do specific tests to see which method is right for you.

Remember, the birth control methods I have discussed here DO NOT protect against sexually transmitted infections. Always use a condom along with hormonal methods of birth control to reduce your risk of infection and pregnancy.

Thanks to everyone who has contacted me with questions and comments regarding this column! I am happy to try to help you make the best decisions you can to keep yourself as healthy as possible. Your questions are always welcome.

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HUMOR COLUMN

Cinematic death: The download dug the grave

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The video killed the movie star. Increasingly, Americans are choosing to skip the hassles of the theater and wait to watch the movie on the big screen display at Costco. Box office profits are falling faster than a Black Tuesday Stockbroker.

The most powerful movie executives have gone from distribution to destitution to prostitution. Steven Spielberg had to send E.T. to work in the coal mines. Peter Jackson had to pawn off some very powerful jewelry. Kevin Smith is scanning the classifieds, looking for jobs that require "poop joke experience."

At first glance, George Lucas seemed as prosperous as ever. On closer inspection, however, his ranch, his cars and his daughters turned out to be entirely CGI added to a green-screen propped in front of a Californian Dumpster.

If personal experience is any indication, America doesn't go to see movies anymore because it doesn't have a car or a girlfriend (preferably one with a car).

I must warn you however, my personal experience may not be universal. First of all, I like *all* movies. Anything with pretty fast moving pictures and loud noises, really.

I could go to the cinema and watch a four-hour video from a colonoscopy cam (starring Ben Affleck!) and still give it rave reviews. "Remember when they found that polyp and they were all like 'crap!' but then it turned out to be benign? That was *awesome!*"

So as usual, my opinion may be a bit biased in the favor of my opinion. But frankly, America would love to go to the movies, but they can't afford the prices. Eight dollars?! Nobody has that kind of money! I'm checking America's wallet right now... nope. It's got a half-filled punch card for Sub Connections, a fake ID to get into Fizzies and a "Do Not Resuscitate" notice. No money. Now if they could only create some type of theater that charged but \$2.50 and offered fun and entertainment for the whole family, plus midnight movies...

Secondly, America is young. At its age there's just so much to *do* besides watching movies. There's a whole world of Television and Internet out there to take advantage of. If the movie industry could make a movie fit in the five-minute commercial break between "24" and "Prison Break" we'd all go and see it.

Movie executives have their own theories. Oliver Stone blames the CIA. Mel Gibson blames the Jews. Quentin Tarantino blames media violence.

And *everybody* blames that ol' whipping boy, the Internet, Disseminator of Evil.

Let me stress the fact that downloading movies is heinously illegal and immoral, as opposed to downloading music which is totally fine if it's like a song that you probably wouldn't listen to anyway and stuff.

I would recommend just buying the DVD, but by the time you've sat through all the non-skippable anti-piracy ads, you could have the movie downloaded three times over. Though the ads are persuasive:

"You wouldn't jump your best friend in a dark alley and beat him to death with a rusty pipe and then sell his organs to drug dealers over the internet. Would you? Movie piracy is *basically* the same thing."

"You know who else pirates movies? Terrorists. You're not a terrorist... *are you?*"

"Hi. I'm Dwayne Flumperdump, Assistant Toenail Clipping Technician for Miramax Pictures. And if you and your 750,000 closest friends start pirating movies, Mr. Weinstein may have to start trimming his own gnarled yellow nails, and I'll be out of a job. I have 14 kids, each with their own adorable name and respective unique medical conditions. Do you want to be the one to tell Kylie that she can't have any insulin for yet *another* week, just so you could have your "Ghost Rider" fix? You disgust me."

What the execs don't realize is that there's already a far better argument against movie piracy. Namely, movie piracy. Half the time you (sinner!) download a movie illegally it turns out to be an entirely different movie than you clicked on. A surprising number of illegal downloads turn out to be "Vampire Anime XIV: Gaijin Blood," with special features containing concept art and every virus known to man.

And when you (lout!) finally do successfully download your ill-gotten movie, the quality is less than optimal. It was actually videotaped with at the movie theater with a cell phone camera by a blind trembling senior citizen. When the camera gets up halfway through the movie to use the bathroom, it sorta ruins the movie experience.

To combat downloading, cinemas have resorted to desperate measures. Scientists have combined a secret ratio of Mountain Dew, movie theatre popcorn butter and Milk Duds to create the most sticky resin known to man. Theatres have liberally spread the goop on their cinema floors, ensuring that once a patron enters the theatre, they stay there. Forever.

Studios have also resorted to a number of gimmicks, like 3-D, Taste-o-Vision, and creative original scripts containing keen insight into the human condition. Many of these fail miserably. There was the ill-fated "Snakes on a Plane" promotional that gave a free Black Mamba to every child under five. Then there was the marketing campaign for "The Ring":

"If you see this movie... you will die!"

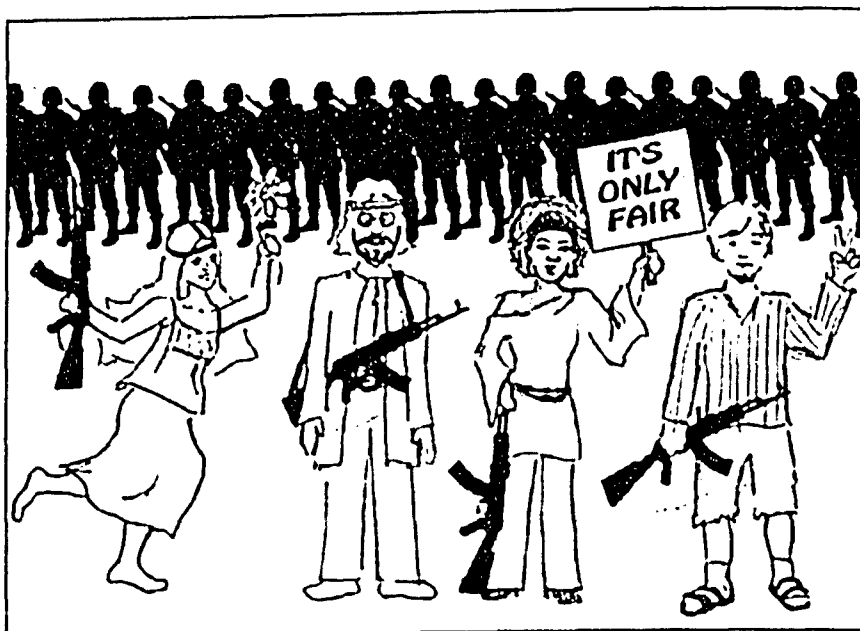
Gee, see, the thing is, I'm kinda a Deathphobe. I think I'll just stay home and do the word searches in "Highlights for Children" instead. It's safer.

They've tried making the same movie over and over again (*Saw 7: If you think you seen Saw, then you haven't seen the Saw you seem to think you've seen. You see?*)

They've even tried making convoluted movies about oil, geopolitical complications, economic folly and George Bush's hubris, but for some reason they failed to catch on with mainstream America.

Whatever they do, with profits sinking like a lead balloon, studios need nerves of steel and big brass ones or this golden age of the silver screen may soon be over.

At least zats what I zine.



Diana Painter, Whitworthian

Gun rights are essential to our nation's democracy

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Despite possible popular assumptions, I, the world's most liberal individual and a pacifist, firmly defend Americans' right to own guns. As long as citizens collectively possess power equivalent to or greater than the power of the government and military, the government has no choice but to serve the interests of the people.

This concept can be compared to the idea of nuclear deterrence: If the risk of abusing power outweighs its benefits, power will be exercised more responsibly.

My opposition to nuclear deterrence also stands for gun rights, though — arming everyone is not the solution. Ideally, disarming everyone would be the safest scenario for all. In the case of nukes as well as guns, the "disarming" has to start with the more powerful party. If the citizens are to disarm, the government/military needs to reduce its power as well.

Right, you say. The government of world superpower should just abolish its military, and then join its citizens in joining hands and singing kumbaya. Silly pacifist!

I am aware that this will not happen any time soon. And thus, I support our constitutional right to bear arms.

The second amendment to the constitution reads, "A well regulated militia being neces-

sary to the security of a free State, the right of the People to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." Although the meaning of this statement is highly disputed, our founding fathers were careful to clarify that people should not just be armed to defend their state, but to hold their state accountable to the "social contract" made between the government and the people.

The first ten amendments were created to be limitations on federal power. James Madison argued the ability of the people to form militia independent of the federal government's standing army "forms a barrier against the enterprises of ambition."

In a country with a military budget of nearly \$4.4 billion (about 19 percent of our federal budget) and a department of justice with a budget of \$2.2 billion, the military must be reduced before the state can deny citizens the right to be armed.

The United States has a medium-sized standing army with ridiculously powerful weapons capabilities and police forces equipped with the necessary weapons to defend themselves if criminals do not willingly submit to their requests.

Seventy percent of Americans think the United States cannot do anything to improve the situation in Iraq, according to an analysis of data from CBS News and CBS News/New York Times polls. Yet our troop levels in Iraq are increasing at the request of our Commander-in-Chief.

If the will of the American people is so far removed from the actions of the government and military, what makes us so

confident in the system?

Americans are very critical of their government, yet forfeit a lot of power to it in the name of security. Whether you count on the government to provide a safety net of social services or are more concerned with the state providing homeland security, little consideration is given to protecting ourselves from the government itself.

"If the natural tendencies of mankind are so bad that it is not safe to permit people to be free, how is it that the tendencies of these organizers are always good?" wrote the French political economist Frederic Bastiat in "The Law." "Do not the legislators and their appointed agents also belong to the human race? Or do they believe that they themselves are made of a finer clay than the rest of mankind?"

Are our checks and balances so reliable that we do not have to worry about the U.S. government abusing its power?

Our current president has taken unprecedented advantage of the power available to him. In a time when the United States felt vulnerable, our legislature signed away some of our rights to privacy as well as boosting our military forces at a cost to future generations. Are we safer now?

Perhaps we have averted some foreign threats, but at the same time we have set the precedent for executive powers to control more of government and more of our lives.

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Q: What should be done in Iraq?

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Opinions

The buck starts here: College and money

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I hate to tell you this guys, but they are laughing at us. It does not matter how many jobs we have, how many hours we work or how much debt we have already paid off, much of the adult world still sees us as irresponsible college students who would not know a budget if it hit us in the face.

I'll bet that most of these sentiments come from the assumption that our parents will bail us out if things get out of hand. Now I don't know about your mom and dad, but mine would probably step up to the plate and rescue me if I was absolutely starving and destitute. The only problem is, I would never live it down. I've already heard too many stories about how they just lived on mustard sandwiches in their college years.

So, to show that we do have some common sense when it comes to banking, we should probably get our acts together and pony up the dough. (I have no idea where that equine-esque saying comes from, but it sure makes me want to saddle up and manage my money.)

First, expenses. Some of us have debts to pay and some of us don't. Regardless, we all have to spend money sometimes.

It might be a fun exercise to write out everything you

must spend money on in a month (like books, rent, toothpaste, gas, etc.). I'm sure that you can identify an area or two that can be scrimped on, even in your "needs." (Like that pack-a-day habit of Winterfresh. Or your monthly shoe purchase.)

Next, paying for these expenses. Jobs are nice. And you are always going to have to have one. Therefore, it is best to get practicing.

I know school is the priority in our lives right now, but if you have time to play Frisbee and take a nap for three hours every afternoon, I'm here to tell you that you could possibly be preparing for your future and thumbing through crisp 20s.

Finally ... what is important to you? Whatever it is, you will spend your money on it, guaranteed. After the bills are paid, the fact is that our money will fund our priorities in a rather predictable order. If you must have a taco every day that ends in "y", that is where your dollars will go. If Netflix fuels your renowned movie knowledge, your wallet (and homepage) will reflect that. If you can't resist that Compassion kid's face, you will find a way to get the little guy's support to him month after month.

It is widely true that college students don't have much money, but what we do have shows where our loyalties lie. According to a 2002 online survey of college

students by marketing research firm Harris Interactive, the breakdown of some of our casual purchases came to \$11 billion a year on snacks and beverages, \$4 billion on personal care products and \$3 billion on CDs and tapes. According to these statistics, it looks like we are fed, clean and distracted.

Is it not logical to say that if God is most important in my life, my money should mostly go towards tithing, rather than an obligatory percentage? Or if it be people, it would follow that your funds should go to missionaries or humanitarian organizations. Of course, for many of us, we are the priority in our lives and our spending reflects that. And if we are not careful to rethink our monetary self-centeredness now, our receipts will confess that fact up until our coffins are purchased.

We all decide, consciously or not, what our money will become. And as college students, we are at the stage in our lives when we need to set patterns for the future; "choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve." (Joshua 24:15b NIV) It doesn't really matter where your money comes from, how much you have or how much you want. Put it where your mouth is and don't choke on it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: "Weird Al In the hall"

Weird Al rocks my classroom

Dear Caleb, I want to join with you in urging Weird Al Yankovic's induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame next April.

As a child during the glory days of MTV, the mid-1980s, two of the first videos I ever saw were Weird Al's "Eat it" and "Fat." Each of these amazing lyrical and video parodies of Michael Jackson's songs "Beat it" and "Bad" were way ahead of their time. The creative energy required to tweak the settings and choreography of each video, in addition to the countless hours Weird Al must have spent to invent new lyrics to fit the rhythm of each song, is really astounding.

Unlike certain artists, the popularity of Weird Al's music has increased with time and gained a cult following, probably because of his broad appeal. As you state in your article, Weird Al has parodied every type of music from oldies and 70s soft rock to boy bands and gangster rap, such as "Amish Paradise."

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame must take into consideration the fact that Weird Al's music has been embraced by the users of music and video downloading sites like YouTube. His new video "White and Nerdy" has been viewed over ten million times on YouTube since its release last fall.

Other aspects of Weird Al Yankovic's career are important as well. His film "UHF" is a revered cult classic whose lack of success at the box office in the summer of 1989 was due only to bad luck — "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" and the original "Batman" with Jack Nicholson debuted that summer. Weird Al has had his own animated cartoon on Saturday morning and performs concerts at both large arenas and small venues where tickets sell for ten dollars or less. I have seen him twice at the Puyallup Fair. Notwithstanding his general looniness, Weird Al has always conducted himself well in public and his character has never been called into question.

In a unique way, I think some of my own creativity as a Spanish teacher is due to Weird Al's influence. For instance, during the fall of 2003 I kept hearing the song "Monster Mash" on the radio because of Halloween. My students at the time were studying food vocabulary so I came up with a parody of "Monster Mash" called "El cocinero sagaz" (The clever cook) which we then sang in class. My beginning students have sung the Spanish alphabet in a parody of Nirvana's song "Smells like Teen Spirit," called "Huele al alfabeto español" (Smells like the Spanish alphabet). This idea actually comes from "Smells like

Nirvana," Weird Al's own parody of the same Nirvana song.

Weird Al Yankovic has been an awesome singer, songwriter, performer and producer for almost 25 years. He deserves to be in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

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Re: "CEC resignation"

Orosco's letter of resignation

I would like to take this opportunity to share my letter of resignation from ASWC with the entire Whitworth community. I want to make it very clear that I am submitting this letter not in response to previous letters or articles written by Whitworthian staff. I am submitting this letter so the entire community will have a better understanding of how hurt I have been by our community. This letter is being sent in hopes of giving a better understanding of the impact from recent events, so that we as community can strive for reconciliation. If anyone has any question or concerns I am extending my self and time to all who wish to be in conversation about the issues at hand.

Dear colleagues, advisor and guests:

In light of the many issues throughout this year we all know that being a member of this body has been a struggle for me, personally and as a leader. I have struggled to maintain the essence of what makes me the person I am, while also accommodating for the comfort of others. With the most recent events regarding incidents on campus and the Whitworthian it has become evident to me that my dedication to help the campus understand diversity issues as useful and important to the Whitworth community has not been enough and I cannot continue as this year's Cultural Events Coordinator. After many prayers, and thoughtful discussions with advisors, family and friends I have come to this decision.

After the most recent letters to the editor in this week's issue of The Whitworthian, the community can no longer deny the fact that latent and overt racism does exist on the Whitworth campus. I understand and acknowledge that discussions surrounding diversity issues are difficult for the dominant culture, but please recognize that my very presence and commitment to the Whitworth community has been three and half years of discomfort and vulnerability. Many other student leaders and I have worked endlessly and tirelessly to make Whitworth a better place for all God's children.

The community is suffering and has

been suffering for a very long time, and we have failed, the students have failed, the faculty has failed, the staff has failed and the administration has failed. We have failed to live up to our very standards of a Christ centered community that honors God, follows Christ and serves humanity. We have failed to equally distribute and carry the burden of painful reconciliation to the many diversity issues we face as a community. Many have been left out on the margins and expected to make change happen without enough support from all areas of the community. If this community is to move on from this painful time we must come together.

I speak to you all not as a leader, not as a minority woman of color, not as the ASWC Cultural Events Coordinator, and not as an Act Six scholar recipient, but as a hurt, broken-hearted and vulnerable sister in Christ. I will make one last effort before I leave today to encourage the community to seek reconciliation for those suffering from the recent events. In my last plea for justice I would like call on Whitworth College President William Robinson, the administration, faculty, staff, alum and students to be committed to justice and reconciliation of the recent events and those to come.

Please hear my heart, see my pain, and understand my struggle.

Former ASWC Cultural Events Coordinator,

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Re: "Religion"

Try atheism to see if it works

It is hard to lounge around waiting for pinecones to drop in the Loop right now. We live in an era where the world is so fallen and terrible that almost half of the American population is confident Jesus will return within the next 50 years. I know this, because Sam Harris knows this. Harris, of "The End of Faith: Religion, Terror, and the Future of Reason" and "Letter to a Christian Nation" fame, wrote an article in Newsweek with the sub-heading, "Religion does untold damage to our politics. An atheist's lament."

Religion is an institution which has come under a vast amount of criticism through the writings of the likes of Harris, and I must say that I could only applaud these people more if they went about their criticism with a tad more respect. Still, the idea that prompted me to write this today was a lecture on, of all people, St. Thomas Aquinas.

Christian though he was, if Aquinas were alive today he and Harris might ask the same simple question: What good is a golden key if it does not open the door? How valuable, by contrast, is a simple wooden key that will open a door desperately in need of being opened? Our world is in turmoil today.

We know that there are grave issues all over the world, and we also know that we don't know the half of it. We need a key to solve this issue. There is one key I can think of — a golden key, a noble key. This key embodies noble concepts of humankind — we are not a modification of a primate ancestor: We were created by the hand of God. Our mind is not extinguished when our body dies: We are meant for eternal glory with almighty God.

Our lives don't exist for the "meaninglessness" of ordinary loving, respecting, cherishing, comforting, admonishing; shedding tears or rejoicing with our fellow humans: We were meant to live for so much more — with God.

It is indeed a noble key. What good, though, is a golden key if it does not open the door? Religion is the cause and the perpetuator of conflict across the globe.

Can the love of Christ save the day? I hope so ... but I am not naive when it comes to Christian history. Our education at Whitworth sweeps us through the Christian philosophers, but skirts delicately by the products of Christianity. I need only hint at the atrocities associated with Christian outreach through the whole of its history, and it will be sure to bring to your mind many sad examples. In practice, to be honest, Christianity has never come through. Recall that Communism is a theory full of noble ideas as well, but never yet in practice has it lived up to its principles — and the same is true of the Christian religion. It is a noble key, but it does not open the door.

Do we have, then, hope for a simple wooden key that can unlock the door to peace on earth and goodwill toward men (and women)? Consider this: "Love others instead of a god. Accept that heaven is something for which we should work now — here on earth — for all men together to enjoy. Accept that we can get no help through prayer, but that we must find in ourselves the inner conviction and strength to meet life, to grapple with it, to subdue it and to enjoy it. Accept that only in a knowledge of yourself and a knowledge of your fellow man can you find the understanding that will help to lead a life of fulfillment."

That, my friends, is the Atheist's Creed. I tip my cap to Sam Harris.

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Students climb at Wild Walls on March 17.

TOP: Junior Matt Monahan
ABOVE: Sophomore Daniel Davis

TOP MIDDLE: Sophomore Katrina Bayens

MIDDLE: The wall

RIGHT: Sophomore Hannah Carrier

TOP FAR RIGHT: Whitworth students

FAR RIGHT MIDDLE: Senior Molly Richardson

FAR RIGHT: Junior Jeremy Molinaro

FAR CUT-OUT: Senior Jonathan Leo

Photos by Jessie Clark and Li Bowie/Whitworthian

WANT TO CLIMB OUTDOORS?

Ready to climb some natural rocks? Here are driving directions for two of Spokane's outdoor climbing locations:

Minnehaha

From downtown, head East on I-90. Take exit 282, the Trent Avenue-Hamilton Street Exit. Follow Hamilton Street north about half a mile to Mission Street and turn right. Go east for a few blocks to the railroad crossing and then take a left on Upriver Drive. Follow Upriver Drive for 3.3 miles to a stop sign. The rock will now be in view. Take a right at the stop sign and go east for 0.1 mile and park in the parking lot or in the dirt pullout.

Tum Tum

From I-90, Hwy 2 (Division) exit, north 5 miles, head west on Francis Ave for two miles. Stay in the right lane and continue on West Nine Miles Road for 18 miles. It will turn into North Nine Mile Road, then into WA-291. Pass through the town of Tum Tum. There is a Department of Natural Resources campground. Across the highway is a parking lot and a trail to the rock face.

Directions courtesy of www.rocklist.com and www.climbingsource.com



In Clim

Indoor Climbing

Students scale rocks at Wild Walls

Laura Richardson
Staff writer

Ropes dangled from the ceiling, providing a safety line for students who clung to rock walls, searching for a foothold at the overnight Wild Walls event last Friday.

A Wild Walls day pass would normally cost \$14, but the event was free for Whitworth students who could climb as much as they wanted from 10 p.m. Friday night until Saturday morning. Students began leaving around 4:30 a.m.

Senior Derek Foote, an avid rock climber, organized the event along with fellow Ar- end resident assistant sophomore Regan Walsh.

"The Wild Walls event is great because it's free so a lot of people who've never rock climbed before will come and get exposed to rock climbing," Foote said.

Many first-time climbers showed up to the event, evidenced by the large crowd of people congregating around the wall with the easiest climbing routes.

The facility offers climbing routes that vary in degree of difficulty. Pieces of colored tape mark off the various paths up the walls.

Foote said he likes Wild Walls because "even if you go all the time you can still be challenged."

Senior Jeanine Douglass, who has only been climbing a few times, said she enjoyed spending her Friday night doing something differ-

ent and physical. The best thing about rock climbing is "using your body to accomplish a task," Douglass said.

Senior Brian Wilkins, who has been climbing for three years, stressed the importance of finger, forearm and abdominal strength to rock climbers. Strong abdominal muscles help keep your body pinned against the wall instead of arching backward, Wilkins said.

Senior Lindsey Kiehn said she enjoys being able to see improvement in her skill and body strength through rock climbing. Kiehn began climbing at Wild Walls toward the end of January and now climbs up to five days a week.

"Your progress is really tangible," Kiehn said. Students who had previous climbing experience often served as belayers during the event. As the climber scales the wall, the belayer takes off the slack in the rope so the climber will not fall off the wall if they let go.

Some climbers gave up and yelled to their belayers, "Let me down," while others shouted in triumph when they reached the top of the climbing route. Whether their climbers were struggling to reach the top or scaling the wall like pros, the belayers encouraged them and coached them to the top of the climbing routes.

"You can see the holds that they [the climbers] can't," Wilkins said.

Everyone needs coaching, Wilkins said, even people who have been climbing for a long time. Wilkins said he enjoys rock climbing because it involves hanging out with friends like Foote and being outside.

"It's just about hanging out and being active," Foote said. "Don't take it too seriously. Have fun."

PLACE

Wild Walls
Climbing Gym

Address:
202 W 2nd Ave.
Telephone:
(509) 455-9596
Winter hours:
Mon.-Thurs. 2
p.m.-10 p.m./Fri.
12 p.m.-10 p.m./
Sat. 10 a.m.-10
p.m./ Sun. 10
a.m.-7 p.m.
College night
special: Fridays
4 p.m.-6 p.m.,
1/2 price gear
rental - \$3 and
evening pass
(good through 10
p.m.) - \$8

For more informa-
tion, visit
www.wildwalls.com

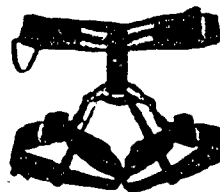


TOP ROPE CLIMBING

A style of climbing where safety for the climber is provided via a rope tied to the climber, strung through the top of the cliff or climbing wall and then back down to a belayer on the ground. As the climber ascends the wall, the belayer pulls the other end of the rope through a belay device, taking out the slack. If the climber should fall, the belayer locks off the belay device and takes the climber's weight with relative ease.

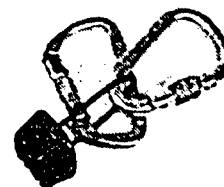
CLIMBER EQUIPMENT COSTS

Shoes \$40-140
Special climbing shoes help a climber grip his/her foot hold

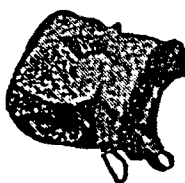


Harness \$30-90
A device that a climber puts on in order to attach themselves to a rope.

Carabiners (Locking) \$8-15
A D-shaped ring used as a connector to attach ropes to other ropes or devices.



Belay Device \$20-80
A metal braking device which allows a person to stop the rope with minimal effort.



Chalk and Chalk bag \$15
Chalk is used by a climber to relieve sweat on hands that could make rocks slippery.



Rope \$150+
Used for safety.



Helmet \$60-80
Protection for the head.

WHERE TO BUY

Check out these places around Spokane:

REI - 1125 N. Monroe St.
Wild Walls Climbing Gym - 202 W. 2nd Ave.
or search auction Web sites for discount deals

Compiled by Kelly MacDonald



Triath-lite March 17



16 lengths



13 laps



3K



Thomas Robinson Whitworthian

Junior Kit Roberts transitions his shoes from cycling to running, the last leg of the race.

Triath-lite: a race to the finish

Caley Ochoa
Staff writer

Whitworth students and community members came together to swim, bike and run in the Triath-lite on campus last Saturday morning.

Participants in the Triath-lite swam one-quarter of a mile (16 laps), biked 13 miles and ran three kilometers.

While some participants subjected themselves to all three legs of the event, others formed teams to challenge themselves and work together in relay fashion.

"I was seeking a program that would motivate people to think of wellness but was also really fun," sophomore and Triath-lite coordinator Laura Tibbitts said, explaining March is Wellness Month.

Sixty-six participants, roughly 35 volunteers, and between 50 and 100 spectators were involved in the Triath-lite, which spread out events over campus.

Some people came out to count laps or just cheer on friends.

Many of the relay participants stuck around to support their teammates.

"I think it's a good idea. It'd be a little intense for me," freshman Kelsey Orr said.

She was there to support her fellow Baldwin-Jenkins residents.

The triathlon began in the Aquatic Center where volunteers, spectators and athletes waited until senior and intramurals coordinator Eric Fredriksen called everyone to order around 10:30 a.m.

The first heat consisted of about 20 men from the community.

After swimming a quarter mile, or 16 lengths of the pool, the contestants pulled themselves out of the water and ran outside where they jumped on their bikes.

Whitworth men composed the second heat, with sophomore Derek Weyhrauch out of the pool first.

"I think I finished pretty well on my swim, but I slipped while sprinting off of the bulk head and took a diving slide on the pool deck," Weyhrauch said, after he finished third overall with a time of 59 minutes.

Weyhrauch has been involved in triathlons before but was challenged this time because he is currently suffering from bronchitis.

"I like the idea of jumping out of the pool and then riding your bike so hard," Fredriksen said. "It proves you're a true athlete if you can do a triathlon."

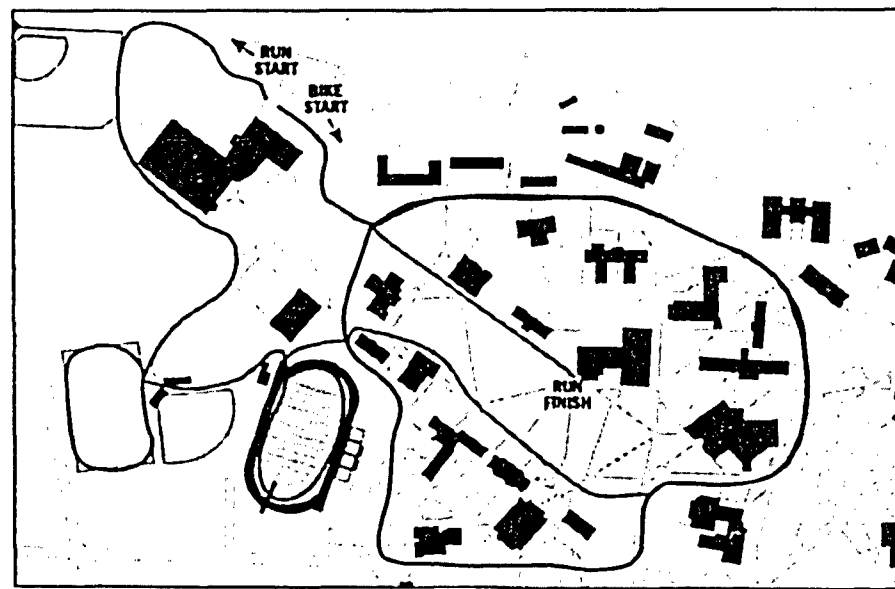
Senior Luan Ly participated in the triathlon last year and was planning to do it

CLICK IT

Want to see more photos of the Triath-lite competition? Visit:
www.whitworthian.com

TRIATH-LITE BIKE AND RUN COURSES

Around 60 people participated in the Triath-lite last Saturday. The event began with a quarter-mile swim in the Aquatic Center, followed by biking 13 laps around the loop on the map and concluded with a 3K run.



Course directions courtesy of Eric Fredriksen

again this year except that her bike was stolen.

She said the course last year included a 10 mile mountain bike ride through the Back 40. Ly said she would have liked a road trail better.

"When people hear 'triathlon' they're afraid. I would motivate people who are slightly in shape to try it," Ly said. "I think when you finish you have a sense of accomplishment you wouldn't get anywhere else."

Club C8 provides unique destination for dancing

Kelly McCrillis
Staff writer

Should a painter portray a Club C8 setting on canvas, all he or she need do is paint a high school dance, remove the awkwardness and get rid of the prowling chaperones.

It would be a masterpiece called "Club C8 on a Friday Night," as long as the painter added the creepy 40-year-olds on the outskirts of the dance floor and a less restrictive dress code.

If you want to move to some good hip-hop dance music, Club C8 (also known as Crazy Eights or C8) is only five minutes away.

Located right next door to Top of China Buffet, Club C8 is in a perfect destination for both on- and off-campus students.

The area around the entrance to the club is surrounded by heavily-dressed men and insufficiently-dressed ladies, some questionably above the age of 18 and all obviously freezing.

Walking up to the door the line is very short, and from the outside, one would guess that the club was almost empty.

The music pulses like a technosick heart losing its momentum.

The bouncers stand ready at the

door looking for dress code violations.

The more someone wears to Club C8, the harder it is to get in. There are no baggy clothes allowed and loose pants must have a belt.

It ended up being a hassle just to get in. Renamed "door hosts" by the establishment, the bouncers are huge and efficient.

After a search for weapons and other potentially offensive materials, including clothes, and seeing somebody rush back to their car to get rid of a hooded sweatshirt and find a belt, one could finally

get into the club.

The venue itself is small, and not just for a night club.

The fact that the bar took up half the building but was separate from the rest of the dance floor hampered its potentially good overall appeal.

No one was dancing, but then again, it was only 11 p.m., and either Friday nights are not very busy until after then or it was an off night.

After 11 p.m., DJ K-Phi (who used to DJ for some high class clubs in Germany, according to his profile on the Club C8 Web site) lit up the dance floor with an array of lights and lasers that

moved in beat with the one song that seemed to bring everyone to the dance floor: "Yeah" by Usher, a classic of the club scene.

Entire groups of dancers unstuck themselves from the wall and moved onto the dance floor.

It would not have been apparent that so many people were actually there had K-Phi not spun up "Yeah," but that could just be due to the dim lighting.

The dancing was a mixture of good clean fun, some good but not so clean fun and some actual dancing. The atmosphere was exciting, though there was no ten-

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Scene

Lu'au works to be inclusive

Julie Wootton
Staff writer

On a recent snowy Sunday afternoon, sounds of Hawaiian music float out from the HUB Café, brightening the mood. About 25 female students wearing pink sarongs over their regular clothes are listening to instructions from several student leaders and counting while trying to synchronize their dancing, while a group of about six male students are rehearsing another dance.

The Hawaiian Club, made up of eight officers and about 30 members, performs both on and off campus. Their largest event of the year is the annual lu'au, which will be held April 14 at 5 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

"Lu'au is the biggest event of the year that our club puts on," said junior Cara Bellwood, president of the Hawaiian Club. "We expect a sold-out event of about 800 people. We cook authentic Hawaiian food and perform traditional Hawaiian dances."

According to the Hawaiian Club Web site, "The Whitworth College Hawaiian Club is a body of people who strive to share the Hawaiian culture with the Whitworth and Spokane communities as well as build an 'Ohana' (family), or a home-away-from-home for Whitworth's Hawaiian students."

The Hawaiian Club was formed in 1970 and members come from all states, not just Hawaii.

"It is a great club to a part of," Hawaiian Club co-vice president Elise Hinrichs said. "We really believe in family and bringing our members closer by doing fun activities for everyone to join. It is also a second home for the students that are from the Islands."

The number of students from Hawaii in the Hawaiian Club, as well as at Whitworth, has been decreasing in the past few years.

"The number of students from Hawaii in the club has been decreasing, but there are currently about 15," Bellwood said. "There have been more in past years."

Anna Fukunaga, Hawaiian Club secretary, said only three of the eight officers are from

Hawaii.

Linda Yochum, administrative secretary for student activities, advises the Hawaiian Club.

"I have always enjoyed working with the Hawaiian club through my position in ASWC," Yochum said.

The club is open to all students and they work at having events during the year that are fun and build community, Yochum said.

"Our Hawaiian Club isn't just for Hawaiians or people from Hawaii, but we welcome everyone to join," said Hawaiian Club co-vice president Andrew Inouye. "The purpose is mainly to share our Hawaiian culture to others, in a place so different."

Inouye, who is from Honolulu, Hawaii, said he joined the Hawaiian Club so he could share the Hawaiian culture with the Spokane community and as a way to ease

the homesickness.

"As a freshman coming from Hawaii to a place like Spokane, it was a hard transition, but other kids from Hawaii in the Hawaiian Club made that transition a whole lot easier," Inouye said. "Although I am not Hawaiian, I have been born and raised through the culture. I still feel it is my duty to share what Hawaii is all about, the spirit of Aloha and the meaning of 'ohana' or family."

Fukunaga is from Kailua, Hawaii. She heard about the lu'au before she was even a student at Whitworth.

"When I was visiting as a pre-frosh, everyone told me that I should go to the lu'au after hearing that I was from Hawaii," Fukunaga said.

The preparations for the lu'au began in December with planning meetings, deciding what dances to do, and thinking about sound and lighting for the event.

"The officers start planning lu'au in December and then involve members in the beginning of February with dance practices," Hinrichs said.

Starting several weeks ago, students have been practicing the dances for the lu'au every weekend from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays and from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sundays.

"Right now we are preparing all of our dances for our upcoming lu'au," Inouye said. "This year I am one of the 'alaksai' or teachers."

Junior Ashley Metcalf, also from Honolulu, is helping teach the dances for the lu'au.

"One of the dances we're doing this year is

called Nani Nu'uano, which is a song about the valley I live in, so it holds special meaning in my heart," Metcalf said. "We also try to teach the participants some general hula knowledge and etiquette."

Metcalf wants to share the Hawaiian culture with the community.

"It has been nice to pass my hula experience on to others," Metcalf said.

"Hula is one thing that I cherish and value. I'm blessed to be able to share a part of my culture and even though I'm not Hawaiian, I still feel I've embraced the values of the Hawaiian people."

There are about 50 students dancing in the lu'au to 12 songs. Not all the students participating are members of the Hawaiian Club.

Yochum said other preparations include planning the menu and preparing, cooking, serving and cleaning up the food, determining the program, costumes, publicity, greenery, preparing a budget, set up, decorations, security and advertising.

"The preparations for the lu'au include contacting people around Whitworth, including Sodexo, Facilities Services, the Theatre Department and Electricians trying to get ready for the event," Bellwood said.

The Hawaiian Club rehearses every night for several hours during the week before the lu'au and has a dress rehearsal the night before.

"During the week before the lu'au, greenery comes in from Hawaii and we use it for decorations and make it into decorations that we wear at the lu'au," Fukunaga said. "We use Sodexo's kitchen to cook the authentic Hawaiian food."

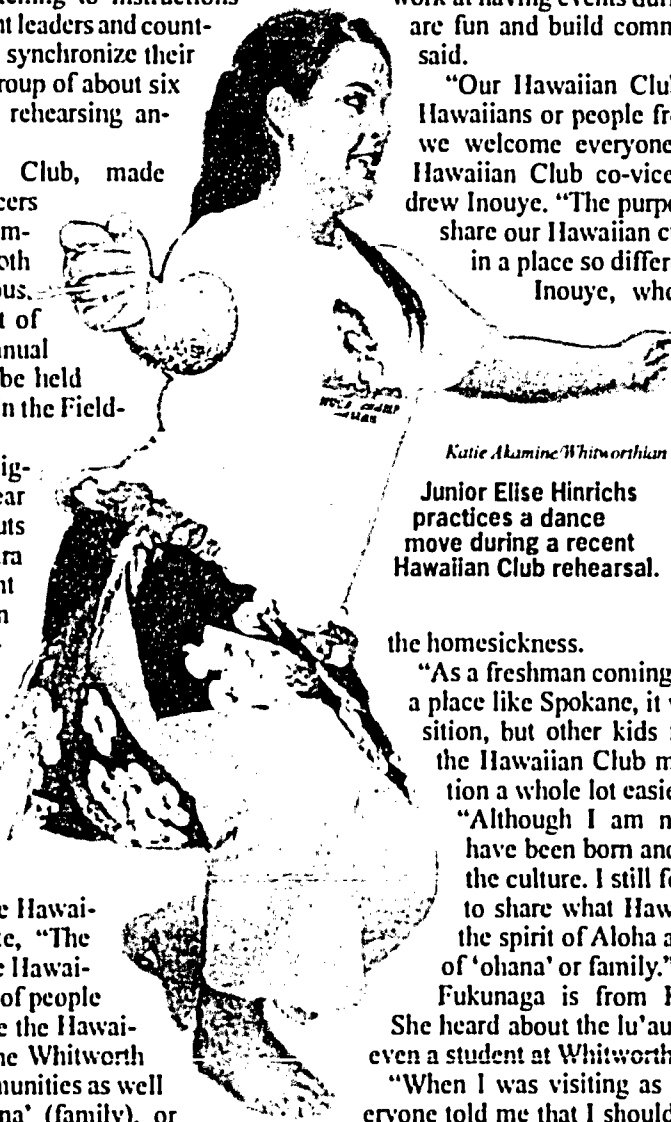
When the Hawaiian Club is not preparing for the lu'au, the club does community-building activities such as a ski trip in January, pumpkin carving in October and dinners.

The club also performs both on and off campus.

"We enjoy being an active club on campus and in the Spokane community," Bellwood said.

In the fall, the Hawaiian Club held Kanikapila, which is a mini-lu'au.

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Katie Akamine/Whitworthian

Junior Elise Hinrichs practices a dance move during a recent Hawaiian Club rehearsal.

City LIFE

McManus stops at bookstore for presentation

Comical author Patrick McManus will be at Auntie's Bookstore, located at 402 W. Main, to promote his latest book "Avalanche." This is a follow-up to "The Blight Way," which is based on the fictional town of Blight, Idaho.

McManus, a resident of Sand Point, Idaho, has been publishing works since the 1970s. The presentation will be held in the bookstore's auditorium and is free. For more information call www.auntiesbooks.com or call (509) 838-0206.

Civic Theatre presents WWII-based play

"The Cover of Life," a play by RT Robinson is being performed at the Spokane Civic Theatre through March 31. The play follows the story of three brothers who are deployed to Europe during WWII in 1943.

A New York reporter has to determine if everyday stories are worthy of the cover of Life. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$14 and can be purchased at ticketswest.com

Punk, reggae band breezes in from Hawaii

Hailing from Hawaii, "Pepper," an "island sound" influenced punk reggae band will be playing the Big Easy on Thursday, March 29. "Pepper" have released two singles, "Give It Up" and "No Control," but one of their more recognizable songs is "Back Home." Sponsored by Volcom Entertainment, "Pepper" will be featured at this year's Vans Warped Tour. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at ticketswest.com.

Symphony highlights Lloyd Webber music

The Spokane Symphony will be performing a special selection of songs in Coeur d'Alene this Sunday at 8 p.m. "The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber and his Tony Friends" conducted by maestro Nakahara will feature some of Webber's most famous songs from film and theater including "Evita," "Cats" and "The Phantom of the Opera." Tickets are either \$20 or \$28 and can be purchased at ticketswest.com. For more information visit spokanesymphony.org

Compiled by Bethany Hergert

Hair metal receives well-deserved ego trim

Caleb Knox
Staff writer

There were a lot of good things about the 1980s. The Rubik's Cube was released in 1980 and first solved in 1983. "The Cosby Show" became a juggernaut on the airwaves. Home PCs hit the market. The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles rose to popularity. The Berlin Wall fell.

However, the 1980s were not so kind to the music world. Although the decade gave us Michael Jackson, R.E.M. and The Cure, it also spawned a horrible, horrible trend in music: hair metal.

Hair metal is, of course, music made by any band of testosterone-sweating males who wear their hair past their shoulders and their jeans tighter than a Trivial Pursuit match between Rambo and Robocop.

The music sounds like somebody playing a Queen LP at 78 rpm. Except instead of writing love songs about bicycles, they're more interested in double-bass pedal odes to warhammers and hell-beasts.

Each hair metal band also has to have some sort of shtick. It's as if it isn't enough for them to just be monuments to embarrassing sexuality and bad poetry. For example, Twisted Sister's lead singer, Dee Snider, always performed in drag. Kiss wore face paint 'masks' in all public arenas. Def Leppard's drummer only had one arm. Stryper, the Christian alternative to secular hair metal bands, wore only yellow and black.

The only thing more shocking about the popularity of these bands is the number of them that gained infamy in the 1980s.

Aside from the previously-mentioned Def Leppard, Twisted Sister, Iron Maiden and Kiss, there was also Whitesnake, Quiet Riot, W.A.S.P., Poison, Mötley Crüe, Ratt, Cinderella, Anthrax, Skid Row, Megadeth ... The list goes on.

And even though hair metal is

a giant bleach stain on the face of rock music, there are still bands refusing to let it give up the ghost. Until their 2006 breakup, The Darkness seemed to be the heir apparent to the hair metal throne. Their lead singer, Justin Hawkins, wore full-body catsuits and sounded like Freddie Mercury stuck in

falsetto mode. They learned their lessons well from the hair metal rockers of the 1980s, including the "How to Break Up Under Mysterious Circumstances" lesson.

Andrew W. K. has picked up the slack in the inane lyrics department. On his debut album, 2003's "I Get Wet," he has songs titled "Party Hard," "It's Time to Party" and "Party Til You Puke."

In case you're keeping track, that's three songs that are strictly about partying. Mötley Crüe would be so proud.

The hottest new hair metal band on the scene, though, is Dragon-

Force. With a name that sounds more like a fantasy novel than a band and an inspirational single titled, "Through the Fire and Flames," DragonForce has cornered the market on faux bad boy posturing.

And the best part about their whole persona is that I can't even tell if they're serious or not. With a name like DragonForce, it could really go either way.

The 1983 film "This is Spinal Tap" taught people it was OK to make fun of bands that were too stupid to realize how ridiculous their subculture was, and now bands like DragonForce are finally figuring it out.

They're making the jokes themselves and they aren't taking themselves too seriously. Now if someone could just teach Dashboard Confessional that lesson.

"Off the Record" is a music column by Caleb Knox. Knox is a junior majoring in English and Journalism. Direct all comments and ideas to cknox08@whitworth.edu



A&E BRIEFS

Talent show highlights non- musical skills

Whitworth's Got Talent will be tonight at 9 p.m. in Cowles Memorial Auditorium. The show will feature more than the musical talent that will be featured at Pirate Idol.

For more information contact Amy Newton at anewton07@whitworth.edu.

Film highlights problems for Ugandan kids

The Invisible Children team will show their film tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the Robinson Teaching Theatre.

The film follows Ugandan children through their struggle to escape the Lord's Resistance Army.

Contact Corey Fereday at cfereday09@whitworth.edu for more information.

Compiled by Bethany Hergert

Weekly EVENTS

TUESDAY | MARCH 20

- Collected Stories staged reading, 7 p.m. in HUB multipurpose room
- Whitworth's Got Talent, 9 p.m. in Cowles Memorial Auditorium
- Perspectives, 9 p.m. in Boppell lounge

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 21

- Family Farm speaker, noon in HUB catering rooms
- "Invisible Children" showing, 7 p.m. in Robinson Teaching Theatre
- Stewart birthday party, 8 p.m. in Stewart lounge

THURSDAY | MARCH 22

- Preaching clinic, 9 a.m. in Science building
- Ruth Callanta lecture, 7:30 p.m. in Robinson Teaching Theatre
- Bachelor Auction, 9 p.m. in HUB multipurpose room

FRIDAY | MARCH 23

- Midterm grades due
- Gordon Wilson exhibit in Koehler Gallery

SATURDAY | MARCH 24

- No events scheduled

SUNDAY | MARCH 25

- No events scheduled

MONDAY | MARCH 26

- Spring vacation starts

Scene

Class explores Hispanic culture

Julie Wootton
Staff writer

Colorful piñatas, Spanish music, workers making homemade tamales and tortillas, and the crackling sound of chips being fried reflect part of the Hispanic culture that exists not too far away from campus.

Beginning on March 11, students from the 100-level Spanish courses have been taking tours of De Leon foods as a way to experience Hispanic culture in Spokane.

De Leon foods is an authentic Mexican grocery, deli, bakery and tortilla factory located at 102 E. Francis Ave. It is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Sunday.

Spanish lecturer Temry Lathrop led a group of 18 students on a tour of the store on March 11 and Spanish lecturer Kelly Robertson led a smaller tour with four students on March 15.

In addition to those tours, there are two more tours tentatively scheduled for April.

The hour-long tour began with Mario De Leon leading the students through every aisle of the grocery store, pointing out familiar brand names on the way.

The students in the 100-level Spanish courses have been learning about food, so they were able to see the Spanish foods they have been reading about.

"Food is such an important part of culture, so I felt that getting to visit De Leon foods was an important piece in my understanding of Spanish culture," senior Margot Edmiston said.

The grocery store offers produce, dairy and meats as well as Mexican bottled soft drinks. Other products include piñatas, fruit, and sauces and spices imported from Mexico.

Robertson set up the tours with Juliet Esquerro, the director of marketing & business development at De Leon foods. Also, Mayra de Leon, the wife of owner Sergio de Leon, was a student in Lathrop's ESL for Latino Literacy class.

"The idea was to get the students off campus into the community and to help support local business," Lathrop said.

The tours are guided by store manager Mario de Leon and conducted in Spanish, although some more complicated topics are repeated in English.

Students had the opportunity to practice their conversational Spanish with the staff as well as look at products imported from Mexico and Southern California. Students were given a list of questions in Spanish to answer after the tour.

"I really enjoyed getting to tour De Leon foods," Edmiston said. "I thought it was really cool to see such a concrete example of Spanish culture in Spokane and I'm glad the Spanish culture has a presence here."

Junior Cherise Mattingly, who went on the March 11 tour said, "It is very comforting to know that there is somewhere Spanish-speaking people can go to find the brands they know and are used to. The overall atmosphere seemed very relaxed and family oriented."

Experiencing Hispanic culture is an integral part of the course curriculum in the Spanish classes.

"We require students to do one cultural experience per month and three over the course of the semester for the 100-level Spanish classes," Spanish lecturer Ryan Peterson said. "The 200-level classes are more demanding. The students have homework blocks about every two and a half weeks, which include a composition, reading assignment and cultural experience."

The De Leon food tours count toward Spanish students' cultural experience requirement.

For the cultural experience, some students interview international students from a Spanish speaking country or students of Hispanic descent on campus. Some options for cultural



Freshman Andrea Mason and junior William Hardy examine Hispanic products at De Leon foods last Thursday. Some Whitworth Spanish classes toured the store to gain exposure to Hispanic culture.

experiences include going to a Spanish film, going salsa dancing, or attending an event on campus that pertains to Hispanic culture.

Some students also attend church services held in Spanish, such as at St. Joseph's Church on Sundays at 12:15 p.m.

Peterson said opportunities for Hispanic cultural experiences are present in Spokane, although they can be difficult to find.

"When you are in De Leon foods, you see a part of the Hispanic community and the significant role that they play in terms of Spanish culture in Spokane," Peterson said. "The goal of the cultural experiences is to put Hispanic culture into a real life context and to leave students with a lasting impression of Hispanic culture."

Some of the products offered in De Leon foods are only made in Mexico, while others, such as cereal, are the same products that can be found on the shelves of American stores, but with the names translated into Spanish.

The bakery offers a variety of goods that are baked daily in the store, including different types of pastries.

De Leon foods' tortilla factory produces up to 600 dozen tortillas per hour. The tortillas are distributed to local restaurants and distributors throughout the Northwest.

"The students got to taste a tortilla from the

tortilla factory," Peterson said. "It had a different texture and tasted fresher, which the students seemed to like."

In addition to sampling tortillas, students also tasted homemade chips, Mexican Coca-Cola and 7-Up, and Vero Mango, a brand of lollipop imported from Mexico.

The group saw chips being fried, tortillas being made and then being packaged by a worker, and several workers making tamales.

"It was neat to see how they make the tortillas, the chips and their Doritos in the fryer," said sophomore Joanne Mayer.

De Leon foods also has a deli, which offers authentic Mexican dishes and is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner and offers dine-in or to-go service.

"I was especially excited to see that they sell orchata at their deli," Edmiston said. "Orchata is a really yummy rice drink with a nutmeg taste that I haven't been able to find at any Mexican restaurants in Spokane."

Overall, the students seemed to enjoy experiencing Hispanic culture.

"I really liked how friendly and giving Mario was about his store," said freshman Andrea Mason. "He loves his culture and I am glad that he was able to share it with us."

Grapevine HUMOR



Childhood giggles that never get old ...

- Accessories that are larger than normal.
- Playing copy cat with a sibling.
- Bodily noises.
- Being tickled.
- Sticking out your tongue.
- Watching someone wipe out and they pretend like nothing happened.
- Throwing water balloons at people making out.
- Rolling down a grassy hill.
- Wile E. Coyote getting squashed by an anvil.
- Building a tower just to knock it over.
- Tapping someone on the opposite shoulder.

Scene

Student specializes in online gaming

Blair Tellers
Staff writer

Forget Mario Kart, Donkey Kong or Sonic the Hedgehog. None of these squatish characters ever battled in an online, multi-played 3-D arena against opponents from other countries like Germany or France, performing things like binding rituals or competing for the favor of the gods.

"It's a completely awesome game," said Mike Richter, a junior art major.

Richter is known to some as the "World of Warcraft Guy," due to the regular hours he has spent in the Mind and Hearth playing what is actually called "Guild Wars." Richter has spent over 3,600 hours playing the episodic online role-playing game.

The game itself has three installments, but Richter said he plays the first one, called "Prophecies," the most.

"OK, so now my elemental is going into the reed bog," said Richter, explaining the movements of Dejjia Hemlock, his favorite character out of the several he has created.

As Richter played with the mouse and arrow keys, Dejjia Hemlock flung a sparkling fireball at a tall, impish looking creature who resembled a mix between Jar Jar Binks and a venus fly trap on steroids.

"Reed Stalkers," said Richter pointing to the lurching green thing on his screen. "They can get pretty nasty."

Labeling the video game as "complicated" would be an understatement. The fantastical world of "Guild Wars" boasts more oddities and bizarre figures than "Lord of the Rings" and "Star Wars" combined.

Here, things like the Kurzicks, Dredge Blastrocks and the Crimson Skull Ether Fiends abound.

"It took me three months to get good," Richter said. "You have to know the effects of every single spell."

Richter explained that in the game's first installment, there are about ten "professions" — a set of attributes and skills that define your character's abilities (as defined in GuildWiki, the game's very own Wikipedia online guide).

The settings in "Guild Wars" range from fields, forests and lava beds, as well as other treacherous terrains complete with man-eating plants.

"My favorite place is the Temple of the Ages. It has a portal gate that goes to the fissure of woe, where you fight nasty monsters. If you win you gain treasure, and then you can get lots of armor. The graphics are very realistic," Richter said.

"Guild Wars" fans can even acquire the fake money used in "Guild Wars" online for the price of real money.

Weapons for the game can also be purchased over the Internet at places like eBay. "Yes, I've done it," Richter said.

The unique thing about "Guild Wars" is it has no subscription fees. Players get unlimited playing time on the game servers and their accounts never expire.

"It's highly addictive," Richter said. "You don't have to worry about getting online and going 'oh, I forgot to pay my bill!'"

Another one of Richter's favorite spots in the video game is The Hall of Heroes.

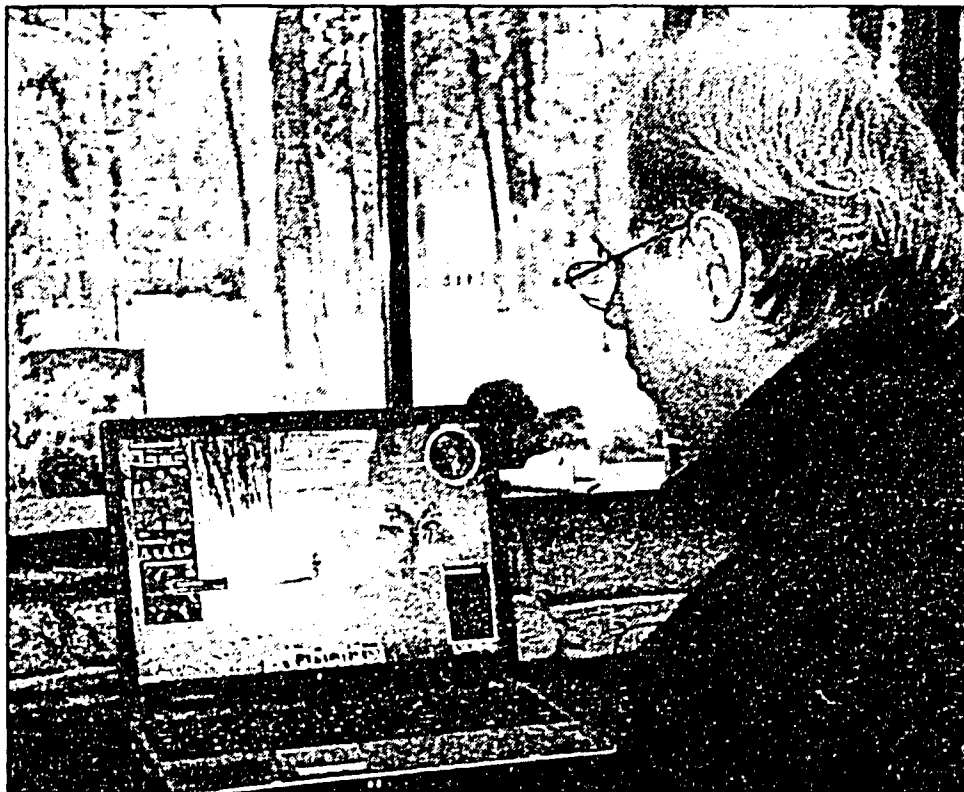
"It's for people who are up there. To be able to get there you have to ascend — go through this crazy sort of spiritual awakening type of deal," Richter said.

Richter had Dejjia visit the Hall of Heroes, which was a golden temple, or, chamber, filled with the game's best of the best. In the Hall, all of the heroes battle each



CLICK IT

For a better understanding of "Guild Wars," visit:
www.guildwars.com



Alyssa Jones Whitworthian

Junior Mike Richter plays "Guild Wars" in the Mind and Hearth coffee shop last week.

other for points, recognition and the favor of the gods.

"It would get terribly boring if we were always battling each other. This game has the best of both worlds — you can battle other players or you can battle the monsters," Richter said.

Another unique aspect of the game is its participants.

"Most of the people in the hall are European players," Richter explained. "But at night, all of the people from Europe sign off and the Americans take over."

Players have the option to fly solo or join groups. As a part of a team, players on a team can benefit from each other's powers.

"Sometimes the names are really funny. One time I saw a team called 'The Titanic

Deck Chair Attendants.' Another funny one was 'Bambies Don't Go Meow'."

As a veteran player, Richter remembered one of the worst monsters he ever battled against was something called a "Liche."

"It's the opponent at the very end of the game. He looks like the devil. He has a really horrible face, batwings ... he can put you into a pool of boiling lava and steal your life points," Richter said.

Richter did not mention anything about "Guild Wars" getting in the way of his studies.

What would his professors say if they knew Richter has spent 3,600 hours playing an online video game?

"They would probably shake their finger at me," Richter said.

LU'AU: Students work to build connections in Spokane community

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"It was like a rehearsal for the lu'au in the spring and a time to come together and eat great food," Fukunaga said.

Some of the Hawaiian Club's performances in the community serve as fund-raisers for the lu'au.

Inouye said the club has been contacting the businesses who helped with last year's lu'au.

"For fund-raising, we send out letters to businesses both back in Hawaii and here in Spokane just telling them about the opportunity and asking them if they would like to help out in any way," Inouye said. "We also send letters to out participating members' parents telling them about the lu'au and asking if they want to help us out as well."

"Hula is one thing I cherish and value. I'm blessed to be able to share a part of my culture."

Ashley Metcalf,
junior

The Hawaiian Club also sold concessions at home football and basketball games in order to raise money for the lu'au.

However, not all of the club's performances and activities are fund-raisers.

For instance, the Hawaiian Club recently performed during the Faculty Scholarship Day.

"The club not only performs for a fee, but they do go to schools and other outside ventures to dance and share the culture for free," Yochum said. "They also help freshmen adjust to life at Whitworth by hosting a summer picnic where they share information to help with the transition to Whitworth."

Nguyen said the club also works with some members of Gonzaga University's Asian Pacific Islander Club.

However, this year the clubs have not been able to work together as

closely because Gonzaga's lu'au is being held on the same day.

"Last year, some members of Gonzaga's APIC came and helped us make our greenery for the lu'au," Nguyen said. "In return, we let them use some of the greenery for their lu'au."

Club members dedicate a lot of time and energy to interacting with the Whitworth and Spokane communities.

"The students pour their hearts and energy into the lu'au to share their culture with Whitworth College and the community," Yochum said. "Not only do they have classes, but most have jobs and other commitments."

Members of the Hawaiian Club and participants in the lu'au have the opportunity to bond through their preparations for the lu'au.

"We become really good friends during the last week before the lu'au," Fukunaga said. "The lu'au brings people together and it is great to be able to share the Hawaiian culture in Spokane, an area that is not often exposed to it."

CLUB: Distinctions between alcohol-approved areas frustrating

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sion in the air, but at the same time it was also so informal that one couldn't help but be relaxed.

"Being from a small town [Chewelah, Wash.] it was quite a different experience my first time in there [Crazy Eights]," sophomore Jochelle Schatz said. "It was good though, we ended up having a lot of fun in the end."

The 21-and-over crowd stands in the back at the bar while servers make sure al-

cohol is not brought onto the dance floor.

It was at that point people could clearly see CS's motto in action: "21 to drink, 18 to party."

If someone is under 21 and his or her friends are over 21 and are going to drink, good luck having much fun at this club.

It would be easier to either make sure everyone can drink or have no one do it.

The overall process is just time-consuming.

Should someone over 21 wish to bring their drinks to the dance floor, Thursday nights are dubbed "The All Adult Playground" and only those over 21 are admitted.

Overall the experience was a bit dirty, dark and cramped, but it ended up being a great time.

Should anyone above the age of 18 feel the need to do some dancing and not to pay as much as The Big Easy or drive as far, Club CS is the place to be.

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Bucs get even with Bearcats

Pirates split Linfield, Willamette matches

Justin Jose
Staff writer

The 8-0 shutout the women's tennis team suffered last Friday against Linfield College appeared to have little effect on the Pirates' confidence. Last Saturday the women came out riding an emotional wave, defeating Willamette University 5-1.

"We were ready for a win," senior Betsy Johnson said. "We lost to Willamette in our first match of the season when we should've won, so we were really pumped up to beat them."

The Pirates' win could not come at a better time as the team seems to play with confidence and poise. The women have been playing better overall since the beginning of March, winning three of their last four. The team's confidence is a by-product of the experience they are gaining in each successive match.

"I think the team's confidence has been growing because we are getting more experience under our belts and playing better as the season goes on," Johnson said.

The win over Willamette is a huge boost of confidence for the team as they get ready for their spring break trip to South Carolina where they will compete against stiff competition. The win says how far this team has come in the last month. The Pirates' first match of the year against Willamette was a lot closer than the overall score read.

"We faced Willamette the first match of

the year and we had jitters that we needed to get out," Johnson said.

The key to the victory last Saturday was, "the experience we have gained as we have been playing better throughout the season," Johnson said.

Johnson and the team were excited with the win because they felt they had the ability to beat Willamette, but with the newfound confidence through experience, they followed up the feeling with results.

The Bucs feature a well-rounded team that Johnson believes is a big reason for their success.

"We are mostly on the same level, our team's talent is really spread out," Johnson said.

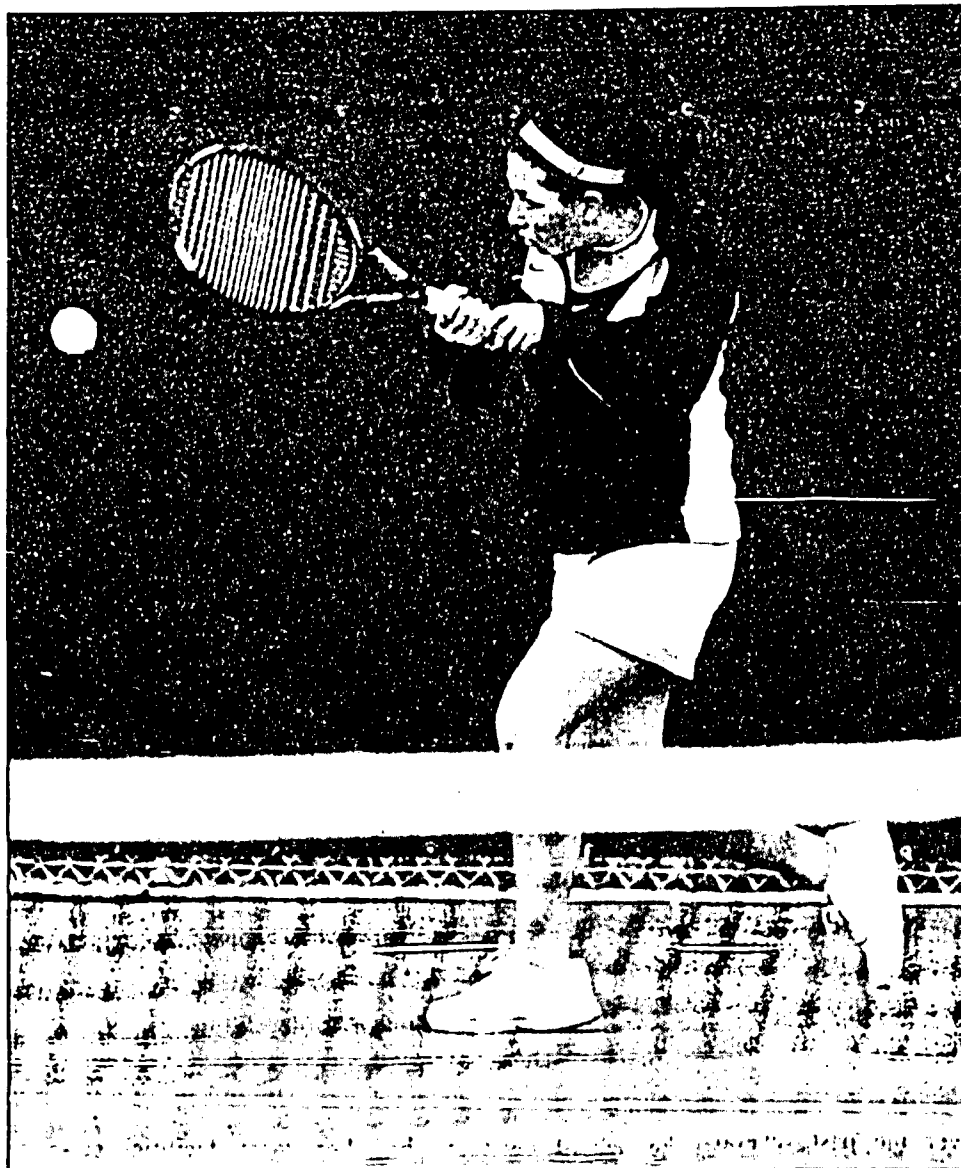
With the similar talent, the lower part of the lineup has a greater advantage against opponents. Johnson believes the four, five and six players help out a lot in balancing out the top half of the lineup in matches. That showed as the four, five and six singles were all wins for the Pirates against the Bearcats.

Johnson won at No. 4 over Emily Elliott, 6-3, 6-0. Junior Taryn Smith took Willamette's Christy Newell in straight sets 6-1, 6-3 and sophomore Justine Hays beat Anna Funabaki 6-3, 6-3 to avenge an earlier loss to her this season.

Whitworth took two of the three doubles to get the win.

With the win, the Pirates move to an NWC record of 5-6. On the schedule for the Pirates in Hilton Head, S.C., are three tough opponents in Middlebury College, Oberlin College and the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

"We are really excited for the chance to play some really strong teams," Johnson said. "It will be a challenge, but great experience for us for the latter part of conference."



Tyler Zuck, Whitworthian

Sophomore Linh Aven warms up for her singles match last Friday against the Linfield Wildcats. Aven lost at No. 2 singles 6-2, 6-0 to Division III All-American Megan Rodgers.



Nate Chute, Whitworthian

Freshman pitcher Stephen Baranowski pitches middle relief during last Sunday's game against George Fox. Baranowski pitched three innings, only giving up one hit.

Pirates hand Bruins loss

George Fox drops first game of '07 season

Derek Casanovas
Staff writer

The Whitworth baseball team gave its fans more to smile about this weekend than just the sunshine, delivering the George Fox Bruins their first loss this season.

The Bucs' win in the second game of a double-header on Saturday ended a record streak of wins to open a season for George Fox at 14.

In the early game on Saturday, George Fox took an early lead over the Pirates and never looked back. Dan Wentzell staked

the Bruins to a 2-0 lead in the first after hitting a ball over the wall in right center off Whitworth junior pitcher Ryan Snell.

The Bruins added two more in the third frame, five in the sixth and two in the seventh. Ryan Fobert singled in another run in the eighth to cap the Bruins' scoring and pushing the lead to 12.

The Pirates were not to be denied a run in the game, however, as they came back with four runs of their own in the ninth. Following an error to put on junior third baseman Alex Scarpelli, sopho-

more catcher Dan Ramsay nailed an RBI single to score get Whitworth on the board. Senior first baseman Joel Tampien then homered to left, bringing him and Ramsey home for a final score of 12-4.

Snell gave up eight earned runs in five and two-thirds innings of work while striking out a pair of hitters, dropping his record to 3-2.

Despite the loss, the Pirates were optimistic their ninth inning success would translate into some more runs during

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New tournament, same old Cougars

Mike Novasky
Staff writer

Watching the tournament has been great so far this year.

We have seen a few good upsets, a couple of 100-plus point efforts and, most important, an early Duke exit. Over the first weekend I have only lost two of my Sweet Sixteen teams and Gonzaga bowed out in

typical fashion; there's a certain comfort in consistency.

Even more importantly, it took only one round for Washington State University to look overmatched against a good three-point shooting team. Keep in mind, I take a considerable amount of joy in watching the Cougars fold under their own hype. I blame Ryan Leaf.

Despite a slow Thursday, this has turned into an exciting first weekend.

With that in mind, here are a couple of thoughts on each bracket.

EAST

Everybody knows that one of the big stories from this tournament has been the Cinderella story of WSU. But let's look critically at this Washington State team. I have no problem asking so soon whether this year was a fluke. Remember this is still

the team that was picked to finish last in the Pac-10 at the beginning of the season.

Will we see these 'lovable' Cougars in the tournament next year?

Any future Cougar success will start with the return of Tony Bennett. True, with an early exit in the tournament that does look more likely. But it might not take too much for Michigan to lure him out of Pullman.

A young, successful coach in a program that has almost no tradition of basketball success: The chips are all stacked in favor of Bennett pulling a Dennis Erickson.

Beyond that, this is not a team that has to worry about anybody leaving early for the NBA and will only lose Ivory Clark to graduation. Derrick Low and Kyle Weaver, one of the better guard combos in the NCAA, will be fine.

Their interior defense is also good, but is again contingent on Bennett's system. Really, any hopes of sustained success will be resting on the improvement of their two big guys. Aron Baynes, one of the most annoying players in the NCAA and another in a long line of slow, awkward centers, will have to pick up his post scoring. And Robbie Cowgill, a dead ringer for the youngest kid in Home Improvement, will have to work on boxing out and grabbing boards.

Washington State's strength this year has been their ability to spread out their stats among the whole team, but next year without any dominant players that could be their downfall. In that case, this Vanderbilt game

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Bearcats barely beat Bucs

KT Pridgen
Staff writer

The Whitworth men's tennis team lost two on the road last weekend, falling 7-2 to Linfield College last Friday and 6-3 to Willamette last Saturday. The Pirates fought hard but lost several key points in the match.

"We moved our feet really well. There were a few times we didn't and those were big points," junior Scott Donnell said.

Whitworth performed well in some aspects, but has room to improve in others.

"We did very well at hustling and the desire was there. But every time the coach told us to do something, we did the opposite," Donnell said.

This was the second time this season the Pirates faced Linfield and Willamette.

"I think it was a lot closer this time. Last time we were a little unprepared," Donnell said.

The Pirates had a rough start on Friday against Linfield as junior Ed Anegon and Donnell lost the first doubles match on a tiebreaker. The Pirates dropped the remaining two doubles matches as well, but Anegon gave a strong

opening performance in the singles matches winning 4-6, 6-4, (11-9) against Linfield's Rich Minice. The only other win of the day came in the final match when freshman Austin Abelar defeated Tal Edman 6-4, 6-3.

"I think we all played really well. We just didn't get the big points. It could've been different," Donnell said.



ANEGON

That showed as Donnell dropped his match in the third set tiebreaker, as did sophomore Scott Bourne who won the match, but his match-winning shot was called out by his opponent. Bourne went on to lose the match. Senior Colin Storm lost the first set in a tiebreaker before losing in the second set, in another example of tight matches.

The Pirates started out well against Willamette on Saturday as Anegon and Donnell won the first double match 8-3.

However, Willamette answered by defeating

senior Michael Carlson and Bourne 9-8 with a tiebreaker score of 7-3. Bourne and Carlson led the match at 7-4, but the Bearcats reeled off four of the next five games to force the tiebreaker. The Bearcats' momentum carried into the final doubles match where Willamette's Fritz Paccione and Geoff Klein defeated freshman Kellen Otegen and Storm 8-6.

Anegon and Carlson dropped the first two singles matches, but Donnell picked up a win against Willamette's Fitz Paccione 7-5, 6-3.

Bourne also won his singles match, outscoring his opponent Shaun Mihalick 6-2, 6-4.

"I played focused and was very calculating. I outplayed him mentally," Bourne said.

Otegen and Storm lost the final two matches of the day, and the final score was 6-3. Despite the double loss this weekend, Bourne feels the team played mentally strong.

"I think we as a team went into the match mentally focused," Bourne said.

The Pirates will travel to South Carolina to play over spring break before returning to the courts in Spokane on March 31 to take on George Fox University at 11 a.m. followed by a match with Whitman College at 3 p.m.

Sports BRIEFS

Three Pac-10 teams stay alive in NCAA Tourney

The No. 2 seeded UCLA Bruins, No. 3 seeded Oregon Ducks and No. 5 seeded USC Trojans won their games in the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament last weekend. The Bruins easily beat Weber State 70-42, then took Indiana 54-49 in the second round. They will face Pittsburgh next.

Oregon squeaked by Miami (OH) 58-56, then easily defeated Winthrop 75-61 to move on and face UNLV in the Sweet 16. USC breezed through their first two rounds, beating Arkansas 77-60 then easily took down the higher-ranked Texas Longhorns 87-68 to move on to face the UNC Tar Heels.

Contact with the Durants costs Celtics

The Boston Celtics were fined \$30,000 for excessive contact with the family of Kevin Durant, who could possibly be named the college Player of the Year. Danny Ainge was caught on camera talking with Durant's mother during the Big 12 tournament earlier this month. Rules state that contact between a team and a college player must be kept to a minimum until the college player officially declares for the NBA draft.

Nadal wins first event since '06 French Open

Rafael Nadal ended his dry spell of tournaments last Sunday when he defeated Novak Djokovic 6-2, 7-5 in the finals of the Pacific Life Open. His stretch of 12-straight tournaments without a title began after he won the 2006 French Open. Nadal has been ranked No. 2 in the world behind Roger Federer for the last 86 weeks, but did not meet Federer in the finals due to Federer's early second round exit, ending his 41-match winning streak.

Michigan fires Amaker after six seasons

After six seasons without a single NCAA tournament bid, the Michigan Wolverines have decided to part ways with basketball coach Tommy Amaker. Amaker came to Ann Arbor with high hopes after leading Seton Hall to the Sweet 16 in 2000. But Amaker's lone accomplishment in Michigan was the 2004 NIT championship, the tournament for the best teams who did not make the NCAA tournament.

Compiled by Colin Storm

The grass is greener on this side

Whitworth needs to keep 'bees' in Loop

Peter Smelser
Editor-in-chief

Over the past several years the campus has seen growth in almost every area, including intramurals.

The programs are growing and more students are participating. This semester roughly 250 students

are playing on 16 different Frisbee teams.

In light of the increased participation, the school has made building a new intramural field on the corner of Waikiki and Hawthorne Roads a priority. Their target is to make the field available for use in spring 2008.

This building project should continue, however the school needs to be careful that things are not lost in the shuffle.

For instance, when the new intramural field is built, what happens to the Loop and its usage for Frisbee?

Most likely the play of

FOR PETE'S SAKE

Frisbee will be stopped in the Loop, which would be detrimental to Whitworth. For years, facilities services have been itching to find a way to protect the Loop from students who pay for its upkeep. In the spring of 2005, Frisbee was banished from the Loop and students were not even permitted to

walk across the lawn.

This campus does not need to look perfect.

So what if other schools have greener grass? So what if they have ivy covered walls? The center of Whitworth's campus has a pulse six days a week.

When a prospective student arrives on campus and sees students running around in the Loop, they see that this campus is lively. That same activity is typically missing from campuses with perfectly cut grass, because students are afraid to step foot on the precious emerald blades.

What type of message

could this send if Whitworth removes Frisbee from the Loop?

That message would be this school cares more about the aesthetics of grass and pine trees than it does about students enjoying the outdoors.

Whitworth's Loop does not need to look pristine. We do not need the same sterile green grass that Pacific Lutheran University, University of Puget Sound and Whitman College all have.

The center of campus should remain alive and vibrant, even if it is a little brown. Frisbee must stay in the Loop.

SEASON: Zimmerman picks up win

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the second meeting of the day with George Fox.

"We had some good things going for us and we built on it for the second game," freshman outfielder Mitch Nelson said.

Whitworth laid the foundation for a win with a hot start from Ramsay in the first inning. Ramsay roped a two-RBI double to score Scarpelli and senior Ryne Webb, giving the Bucs a 2-0 lead. Junior Jon Whiteside added an RBI single an inning later to tack on another run.

After George Fox made it 3-1 in the third, junior Nate Rodland's grounder to second brought Tampien in from third. Tampien went to work himself in the fifth inning, scoring Ramsey, Whiteside and senior Van Liernan on a towering blast to left center off George Fox reliever Jeff Wheeler, making it 8-1.

An inning later, Webb blasted a double, plating Rodland and giving Whitworth a comfortable 9-1 lead. George Fox threatened to mount a comeback in the seventh, but junior reliever Chad Flett came on in relief with the bases loaded and struck out the side to end the threat. Whitworth went on to win the contest 9-4.

Senior starter Brandon Zimmerman only gave up three earned runs in six innings while striking out four, boosting his record to 3-2

on the year.

In Sunday's lone game, Whitworth came close to taking two in a row from the Bruins, eventually falling 5-4.

After the Bruins took a commanding 5-0 in the top of the seventh, Whitworth got the bats going on a bomb by junior J.J. Jones over the wall in the bottom of the inning. Whiteside scored another on an error by George Fox shortstop Josh Burch. In the eighth, Jones and freshman Scott Ward each singled home a Whitworth run, scoring freshman Kyle Richardson and sophomore Mitch Ramsay.

When the Pirates looked primed to score in the ninth, though, George Fox came up with some timely plays to seal the win. After George Fox's Burch tossed a wild pitch with one out in the ninth, Dan Ramsay hustled home to try and knot it up at five.

Catcher Ryan Fobert scrambled behind the plate for the ball and tossed it to Burch at home to narrowly tag out Ramsay. A few plays later, following a single by sophomore Mitch Ramsey that advanced sophomore Corey Anderson to third,

Burch astutely wheeled towards first base and picked off Mitch Ramsey for the final out of the game, stopping the Pirates' comeback just short. Four Whitworth pitchers combined to give up just four earned runs and scatter 12 hits



Nate Chute/Whitworthian

Junior J.J. Jones takes a big cut at a pitch last Sunday against George Fox. Jones hit a home run in this game, but the Pirates fell just short of winning the series, falling by a score of 5-4 against the first place Bruins.

for the game, with junior starter Jason Weatherman taking the loss for the Pirates.

Dan Ramsey led the Bucs with five hits, 3 RBIs, and two runs on the weekend. Tampien also dialed it in, popping two homers and seven runs batted in the three games.

Whitworth travels to Salem, Oregon next weekend to battle Willamette University in a three game set. Whitworth will be looking for a sweep of the Bearcats, as Willamette comes into the series with only two conference wins on the year.



Baseball

	NWC	ALL
George Fox	8-1	15-1
UPS	8-1	9-6-1
PLU	4-2	13-5
L&C	7-4	8-8
Whitworth	4-5	6-12
Linfield	2-4	7-8
Willamette	2-6	8-10
Pacific	2-7	5-9
Whitman	1-8	1-14

Next Pirate game:
Whitworth at Willamette (DH)
Saturday, March 24 @ Noon

Softball

	NWC	ALL
Whitworth	8-0	11-0
Linfield	7-1	8-2
UPS	4-4	13-5
PLU	4-4	6-4
George Fox	3-5	5-11
Pacific	2-4	6-4
Willamette	1-3	7-4
L&C	1-9	2-15

Next Pirate game:
Whitworth at Redlands (DH)
Saturday, March 24 @ Noon

Men's Tennis

	NWC	ALL
Whitman	12-0	16-3
PLU	9-2	9-4
Linfield	8-3	9-10
UPS	6-6	6-7
Willamette	5-6	5-7
George Fox	3-7	3-7
Whitworth	2-8	2-8
L&C	2-6	2-8
Pacific	0-9	0-9

Next Pirate match:
Whitworth vs. Oberlin
Monday, March 26 @ 8 a.m.

Women's Tennis

	NWC	ALL
Linfield	9-0	9-1
UPS	9-1	10-1
PLU	7-3	7-3
Whitman	7-3	9-5
Whitworth	5-6	5-6
L&C	4-6	4-7
Willamette	3-7	3-9
George Fox	1-9	1-10
Pacific	0-10	0-12

Next Pirate match:
Whitworth vs. Middlebury
Sunday, March 25 @ 3 p.m.

Player of THE WEEK



Joel Tamplen
First Base

Went 3-8 with 2 HR, 7
RBI and 1 BB

Williams leaves mark on Pirate basketball

Derek Casanovas
Staff writer

As kids, teachers and parents always preach basic principles of behavior: do not steal, treat others as you would like to be treated, say please and thank you. Oh yeah, and one more: Sharing is caring.

If the same principles apply to Bryan Williams, he would be a pretty caring guy. As one of only two players in Whitworth basketball history to break the 1,000 point and 500 assist threshold, Williams is not one to shy away from passing the ball. In fact, it is one of his favorite things to do on the court.

"I'd rather set someone else up and create for my teammates than take the points for myself," the senior point guard said.

In his last two games at the Whitworth Fieldhouse, Williams dropped 13 assists on Lewis & Clark and Willamette in a dazzling array of skip passes, drive and kicks, and fast break dishes. Games such as those helped Williams garner the Northwest Conference's Most Valuable Player Award as voted on by the conference's coaches this year. As usual, Williams passed off the credit to others.

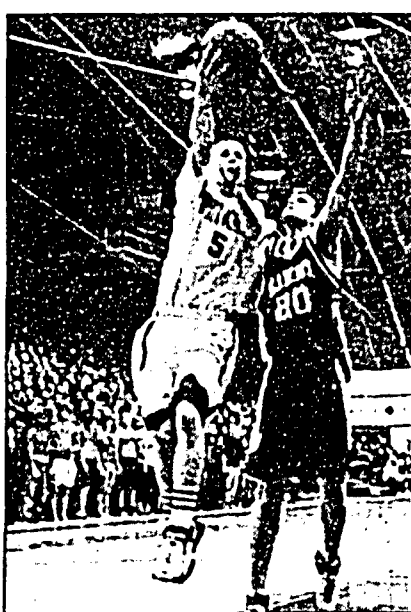
"We had so much success because of our balance as a team: offense, defense and as individual players," Williams said.

Each assist has been vital to Whitworth's success over the past four years, as Williams has been the floor general for the team since he stepped in as a freshman. This season, Williams logged over 1,000 minutes of playing time, or more than 37 minutes per game. Williams said head coach Jim Hayford made it clear he wanted him in the lineup since day one and that he would be constantly playing, which allowed him to grow as a player in a winning program. Without the memories he has made with his friends and teammates here, however, it would not be as meaningful.

"I have been really lucky to be able to have good teammates to play alongside and good friends here to share my time with," Williams said.

Williams hails from Spokane, which ensured his good friends and family members were able to attend his many home games. When he was younger, his family used to live right off-campus by Didier's Frozen Yogurt. Williams attended Mead High School, where his father coaches, and was teammates with former Gonzaga star Adam Morrison.

Sometimes as a child his dad would take him to see Whitworth play and he would dream of making it big at North Carolina or Duke. While he has not



Jesse Clark Whitworthian

Bryan Williams finished his four-year career with 1,081 points.

been able to make it under the lights of Cameron Indoor Stadium yet, he was able to find a home here at Whitworth, where he has been a part of a special time in the program. Whitworth won at least 19 games overall and 12 games in-conference in three of his four seasons at the school.

"Your goal is always to win as a team," Williams said.

In the NCAA Division III tournament this year, Williams helped his team reach that goal with a clutch shot in overtime. Williams cold-bloodedly drilled a three at the buzzer to send the Pirates to a second round meeting with Washington University in St. Louis. Whitworth lost a close game to the Bears, 63-61, as Williams' potential game winning 28-footer as time expired fell just short.

Nonetheless, Williams holds only one regret about his playing days in college and high school.

"My one regret is that I have never dunked it or even attempted one," Williams said. "Not that I can dunk or anything, but I always wanted to at least attempt one, even if it ended in a rim-check."

Upon graduation, Williams is not quite sure what he will do. He has considered taking his game over to Europe to play next season, but must wait until April or May for their seasons to conclude. He has also considered staying here in Spokane, working as an accountant or in the business world. Wherever he lands, Williams hopes there are sports for him there to enjoy.

"I may end up in Ann Arbor someday, just to have [Michigan] season football tickets," Williams said.

Hopefully there are a few teammates or friends there for him to share the game with.

Ben there, done that



Jesse Clark Whitworthian

Junior Ben Spaun practices the pole vault during last Saturday's Dusty Lane Open at Spokane Falls Community College. The Whitworth men won the 4x400 relay and senior Jeff Grassley won the 3,000 steeplechase with a time of 10:00.93.

COUGS: UCLA now favorite

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may have been a preview of next season. Good team play got them deep into the game, but Weaver and Low's unwillingness to take the big shots killed them in the end.

Stay tuned. Washington State's success will be one of the main subplots of the Pac-10 next season.

Looking ahead, North Carolina will not make it past next weekend and Georgetown will play in the Championship.

MIDWEST

After a disappointing close win in the first round, Oregon finally looks as though they are ready take the NCAA Tournament by storm like it was the Pac-10 Tournament all over again. If they keep draining threes as they did against Winthrop, an Elite Eight match-up with Florida won't seem so daunting for Oregon fans.

It's hard to say how far their guard game will take them, however. Assuming, just for the sake of argument, that they do sneak past Florida into the Final Four. How do they match up against the elite teams in the tournament?

Unfortunately, both UCLA and Kansas are the type of teams that Oregon doesn't want to face. Their athletic forwards and tough perimeter defense are just the right combination to take Oregon's shooters out of their game. In Aaron Brooks' last season, it looks as though Oregon will have a tough time trying to win it all.

But don't think for a second I won't be pulling for them. Go Ducks.

SOUTH

This is the toughest bracket to predict. Ohio State has

struggled a bit out of the gate, Texas A&M has not exactly been dominant yet and Memphis never looks as good as their record. On the other hand, Tennessee has stepped up big time behind Chris Lofton and is a definite threat in this region. All four teams have a legitimate chance of reaching the Final Four.

This has been the most exciting bracket to watch with a number of good match-ups and looks to provide the best games early next weekend.

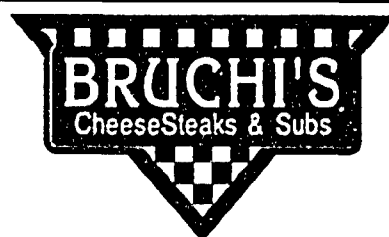
My predictions: Tennessee squeaks by Ohio State and then loses big to A&M.

WEST

The story of the West bracket is the impending Kansas-UCLA Elite Eight match-up. Nothing else will stop this. Southern Illinois does not match up against Kansas and UCLA is too good to lose to Pitt. Besides, if these two teams don't meet in the Elite Eight, sports fans will have been cheated. This has the makings of being the best game of the entire tournament and I am already counting down until next weekend.

Most importantly, the winner of this game has to be the favorite for the title. Kansas is the deepest, most talented team in the NCAA, whose only weakness is their inexperience. UCLA, on the other hand, is just as talented and has the benefit of playing in the title last year. Their only drawback coming into the tournament was their two game losing streak.

My early prediction was a Kansas win and the title. However, after the last two games I have changed my mind. UCLA is too good to be stopped. In two weeks UCLA will be the NCAA champion. Count on it.



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Spokane hosts NCAA tournament for second time

Colin Storm
Sports Editor

I walked into the Spokane Arena last Sunday and everything seemed right in the world. Again.

For the second time in the last five years, Spokane played host on college basketball's largest stage, the NCAA Division I tournament.

This time, Spokane was able to host a better selection of teams which included the Pac-10 champion Oregon Ducks, Big East power Notre Dame Fighting Irish, the Cinderella story Winthrop Eagles and the USC Trojans. Winthrop and New Mexico State even held practices in the Whitworth Fieldhouse.



Oh yeah, some kid named Kevin Durant played here over the weekend too.

To be completely honest, that Durant kid is one of the reasons I bought a ticket to the game, an investment that is sure to make the dollar menu look a little better. But ultimately that investment left a good taste in my mouth, one that no fast food joint could compare with, after Durant dropped 30 on the Trojans in a losing effort.

But the upgrade of teams compared to 2003 when Spokane last hosted first and second round regional match-ups shows that Spokane is ready to make a jump on the national scene. Heck, the marquee teams in 2003 were the Josh Childress led Stanford Cardinal and Ben Gordon led Connecticut Huskies. Nobody else was worth mentioning.

But the fact Spokane hosted brought a new-found energy as Spokane had hosted the Sweet 16 and Elite Eight of the 2002 women's NCAA tournament. Those who bought tickets, which included my family, saw the NCAA Division I all-time leading scorer Jackie Stiles and the Washington Huskies.

More than just basketball

But these weren't the first national events that the Spokane Arena, the much-needed improvement on the old Boone Street Barn, hosted. In 1997, the NCAA Division I women's volleyball Final Four was hosted in Spokane. The Stanford Cardinal were crowned the national champions.

In 1998, Spokane hosted the Memorial Cup, the premier tournament in major junior hockey that features the winner of the Ontario Hockey League, Quebec Major Junior Hockey League and the Western Hockey League.

I remember sitting there with my dad for every game of the round-robin tournament, that set up the seeding between the four teams for a tournament to decide first through fourth place.

I remember the teams: the Guelph Storm (obvious reason why I remember them), the Val-d'Or Foreurs, the Portland Winterhawks and, of course, my beloved Spokane Chiefs. The Winterhawks won, the Chiefs rival whom I couldn't stand to see win.

I even remember the guy who sat next to us named Rhett from Canada, who was staying in Idaho.

Thanks to this new arena, Spokane is finally gaining some notoriety beyond that Gonzaga Bulldogs men's basketball team and the city who was in the news for all of the wrong reasons the last three years.

This past year, the Arena featured the U.S. Figure Skating Championships. While this event is the only of these five that I didn't follow or attend, I know this was a huge event (mostly because I saw a replay on ESPN and read about it while on my Jan Term trip in Washington D.C.).

Now Spokane has a new team to cheer for: The Spokane Shock, the inaugural AF2 champions.

March 2007

Which brings us back to last weekend's games. As my sister and I took our seats in the nosebleeds of all nosebleeds, literally the top row in the arena, we both told each other how excited we were.

You knew the game was huge when, as we were walking around the Arena between games, we saw Gonzaga's Sean Mallon at the concession stand. Well, I guess if you can't play in the tournament, you should at least attend the games.

After the Trojans had built a nice lead with six minutes left, we decided to head down to the lower level, where eventually we got down near the bottom just in time to see Texas put up desperation shot after desperation shot.

But really, we were down there just to see Durant because it's not every day that a Kevin Durant comes to Spokane. Sure, we grew up on Adam Morrison the nation's leading scorer last season, but Durant won't even be compared to other players some day. The other players will be compared to him.

And though he didn't have his best shooting night of the season (11-24 from the field, but only 2-10 from behind the arc), he still hit some shots that left the crowd in awe.

Future

So, as my sister and I left the Arena, we knew it was money well spent. Not to mention that Spokane, with its



Colin Storm/Whitworthian

Texas Longhorn forward Kevin Durant takes a shot over the USC Trojan defense last Sunday in the Spokane Arena. The Trojans beat the Longhorns 87-68. Spokane got to host some first and second round games of the NCAA tournament that featured two possible 2007 first round NBA draft picks: Durant and Oregon's Aaron Brooks.

growing abundance of things to do in town, we're pretty sure we will get another chance to see another team like the Ducks and another player like Durant.

So thanks, NCAA, for allowing me the chance of a lifetime to see my favorite event of the year.

Needless to say, I'm excited to see what events make an appearance in Spokane in the near future. All of this is thanks in part to the new Spokane Arena, built just over a decade ago.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PICKS



The Major League Baseball season will get underway on Sunday, April 1, when the New York Mets take on the defending World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals. The rest of the league will start their season the following day. The Seattle Mariners will open their season by hosting perennial American League West power, the Oakland Athletics. Here are the staff picks for the 2007 season:

	National League PICK	American League PICK	World Series PICK		National League PICK	American League PICK	World Series PICK
Colin Storm sports editor	East - Mets	East - Yankees	 Tigers over Mets	Derek Casanovas staff writer	East - Mets	East - Yankees	 Mets over Indians
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	West - Dodgers	West - Angels			West - Dodgers	West - Angels	
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Peter Smelser editor-in-chief	East - Mets	East - Yankees	 Tigers over Dodgers	Justin Jose staff writer	East - Phillies	East - Yankees	 Dodgers over Yankees
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	West - Dodgers	West - Angels			West - Dodgers	West - Angels	
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Peter Burke opinions editor	East - Mets	East - Yankees	 Mets over Twins	Amanda Beason copy editor	East - Braves	East - Red Sox	 Cardinals over Red Sox
	Central - Cardinals	Central - Twins			Central - Cardinals	Central - White Sox	
	West - Giants	West - Athletics			West - Rockies	West - Angels	
	Wild Card - Braves	Wild Card - Tigers			Wild Card - Cubs	Wild Card - Mariners	
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	Central - Cubs	Central - Tigers			Central - Cardinals	Central - White Sox	
	West - Dodgers	West - Angels			West - Padres	West - Athletics	
	Wild Card - Cardinals	Wild Card - Yankees			Wild Card - Braves	Wild Card - Indians	



THE NFL SCOUTS

A PHOTO STORY BY NATE CHUTE

Senior tight end Michael Allan worked out for two NFL scouts March 13 at Whitworth. Allan is expected to be drafted between the fifth and seventh rounds April 28-29, according to NFL draft analysts.

ABOVE: Allan ran the three-cone drill earlier at the NFL combine, completing the drill in 7.31 seconds. The drill has the player run from the first cone to the second and return to the first. Following this, the player must round the second and third cone and return to first cone. Allan completed this drill in 7.37 seconds.

RIGHT: At 6'6" and 255 pounds, Allan's size is unusual for his capabilities. When his agent Bill Heck saw him play for the first time against PLU this past season, what caught his eye was that Allan was "doing things that were disproportionate to his position."

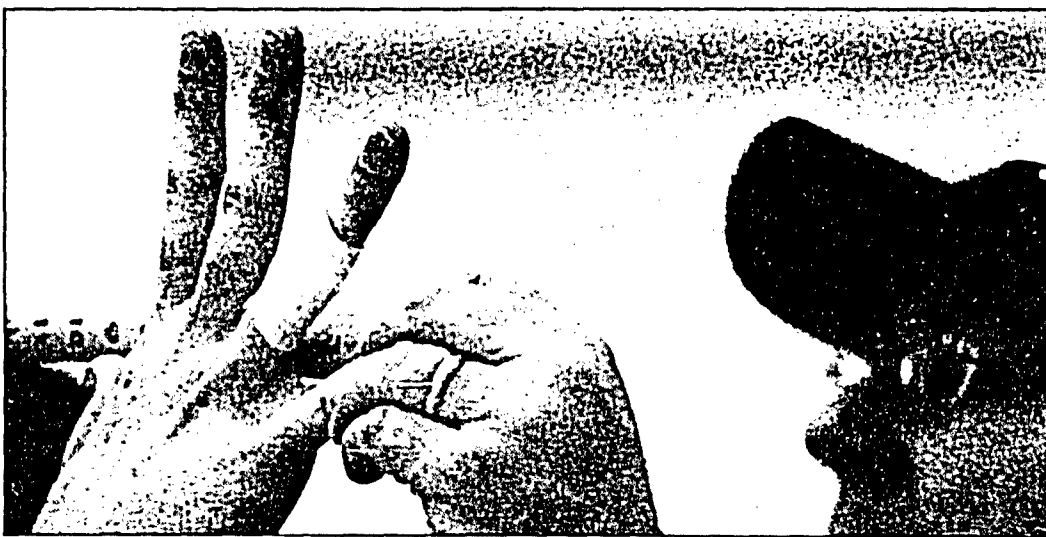
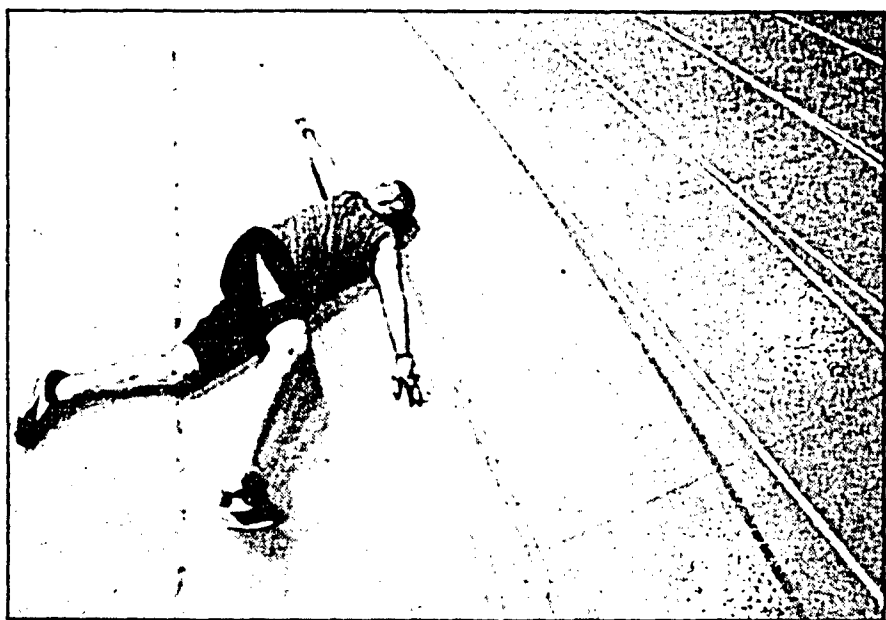
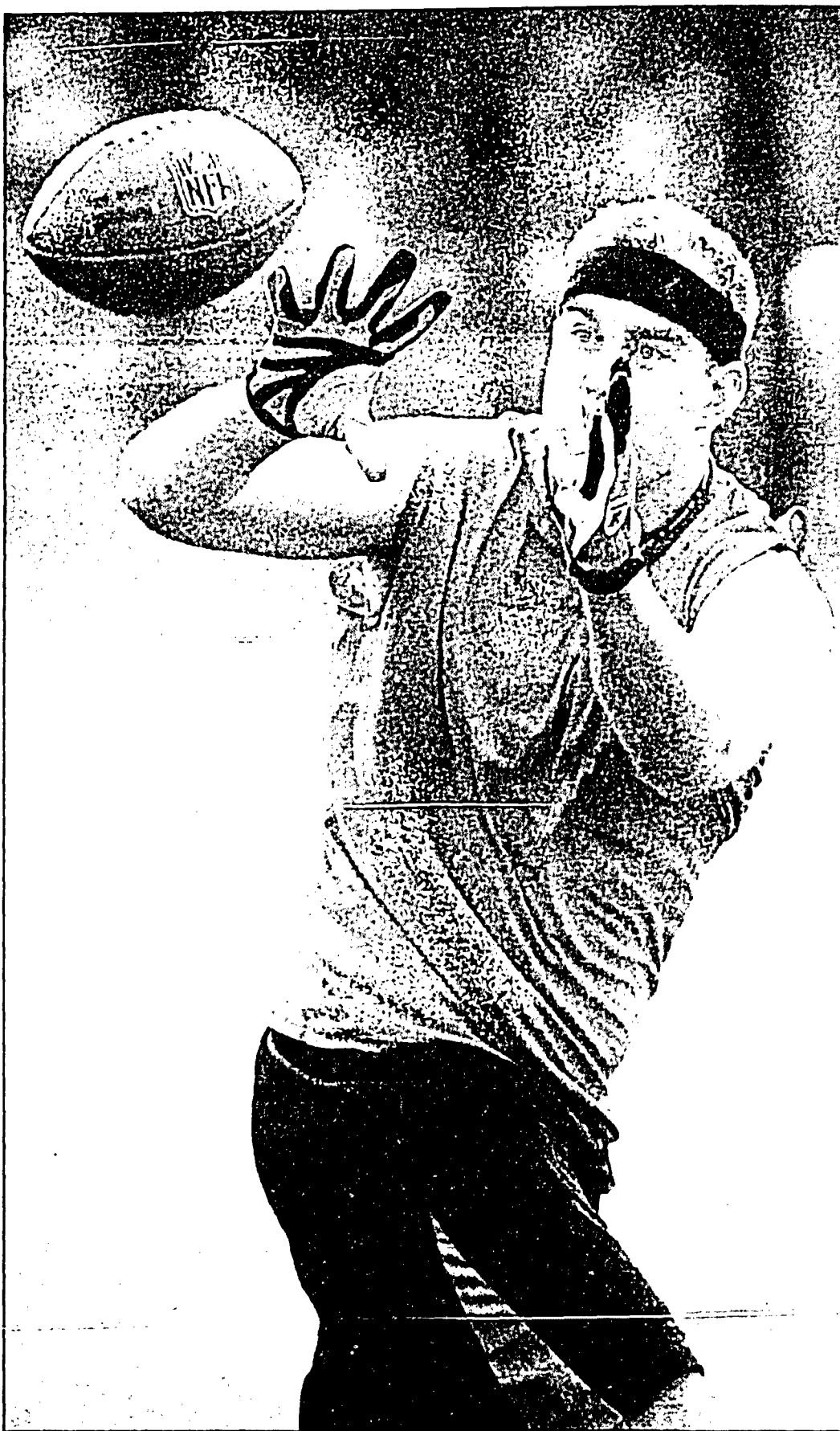
BELOW: Allan stretches out in the Whitworth Fieldhouse before his pro day workout. Allan was the only D-III player invited to the NFL combine in February in Indianapolis. "The kid from Whitworth really helped himself," said Mike Mayock, senior

draft Analysis for the NFL Network to nfldraftscout.com.

BELOW RIGHT: Seattle Seahawks scout Mike Phair measures Allan's hand before beginning his workout. His hand measures 9 1/4 inches across, which is large compared to other tight ends.

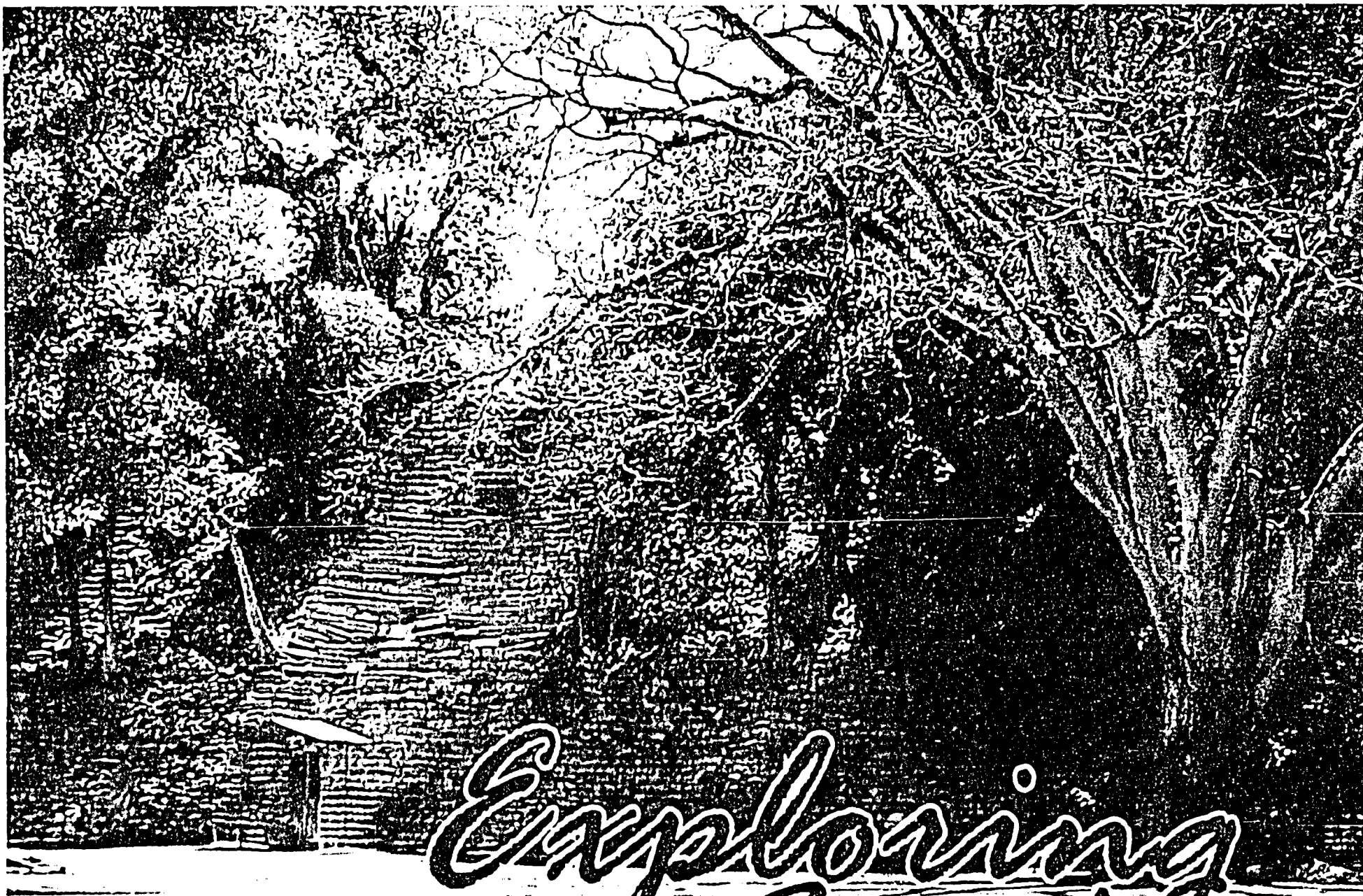
BOTTOM LEFT: Allan's agent, Heck, talks on the phone with two scouts that Allan and Heck are expecting to arrive at Allan's workout. Prior to attending the combine, Heck arranged for Allan to train for three weeks with other NFL draft hopefuls in New Jersey.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Allan attributes much of his success at Whitworth to the encouragement of coaches and the quality of his friendships. He believes these relationships propelled him to where he is today. "I have no intentions of going big time on anybody," Allan said.



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Chapel could change to twice a week with shorter times by fall 2008 pending academic schedule changes.

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The purpose behind this special edition

To our readers:

Over the years, it has been said of this institution that while there may not be diversity of race there is diversity of perspectives.

This special issue of The Whitworthian is the first time this newspaper has taken on one topic and explored it as thoroughly as possible. The result is 24 pages that delve into faith in the Whitworth community.

But what exactly is faith?

Faith is, as we see it, a belief or trust in a particular person, thing or idea. Faith is usually associated with a belief in a particular religious organization. However, faith can also be placed in idea, such as nature, or a person, such as a parent or even yourself. As a general observation, faith is demonstrated through action. This can be as simple as a verbal statement, or as expansive as a code of ethics by which a person lives. Faith means something different to everyone.

This is our best effort to explore who, what and how students practice a faith at Whitworth, if at all. We tried to explore both the religious roots of the college as well as various contemporary examples of those faiths in practice. Many aspects of Whitworth either stem from or are situated around particular faith beliefs, and, as a result, Whitworth's community is a unique breeding ground for discussion and asking the tough questions.

The purpose is not to persuade anyone to a particular religious or spiritual belief or practice. The Whitworthian editors themselves come from diverse

faith and spiritual backgrounds, and we live out those beliefs in many different ways.

This issue seeks to include all aspects of Whitworth's spiritual community, Christian or otherwise. However, it must be remembered that the majority of Whitworth students profess to be of the Christian and protestant tradition. This issue reflects that bias. The Whitworthian is limited by time and resources. There may be stories we forgot or were not aware of. There will always be more stories to tell about faith and spirituality, but this issue reflects our best effort to examine what this institution and this student body profess to believe and how that community lives out those beliefs.

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Non-Christians struggle to fit in

De Andra Kenoly
Staff writer

When senior and agnostic/atheist Greg Hoff came to Whitworth as a freshman and participated in Tradition, he started to question if he was at the right school.

Hoff said when his dorm did Tradition and they were expected to stomp and sing "Jesus Loves Me" as a chant, he started to feel uneasy.

"I felt that I had made a really expensive mistake," Hoff said. "I was calling home completely distraught and wishing that I wasn't wasting my time doing those things."

Hoff said he stayed in his room for the remainder of Tradition.

Hoff is one of several non-Christian students who said they found it hard to fit in at Whitworth due to its strong Christian subculture.

Political science professor John Yoder said he thinks non-Christian students at Whitworth sometimes can feel awkward when confronted with parts of Christian culture.

"When you sign your e-mails 'In Christ' or when you put Bible verses on your door or [wear] T-shirts with Christian symbols on them, [some Christians] assume that everybody's going to feel comfortable with that," Yoder said. "Some people may not [be comfortable]."

Senior Rachel Gray said during her freshman year she found it difficult for others to understand her faith. Gray is a follower of the Baha'i faith.

"There are a lot of misconceptions [about Baha'i]," Gray said. "People would always come to me and ask, 'So how many gods do you have?'"

According to MSN Encarta, an online encyclopedia, Baha'i is a religion founded by Baha'u'llah in 19th century Iran, and teaches the essential worth of all races, religions and sexes.

Senior and former Latter-Day Saint Shaina Western said she found it hard for others to understand her faith and still find it difficult for others to understand her agnosticism.

"I feel like not everyone understands [my beliefs] and while people will talk to me about it I feel sometimes as if they are making their own opinions about me," Western said.

Some non-Christian students, like Hoff, have a difficult time participating in classroom discussions when the topic of faith is discussed.

"In class discussions, even when you aren't necessarily discussing a religious topic, some-

times the question 'How do we as Christians respond to this?' comes up," Hoff said. "I don't really have any place there."

Western said she finds it easier to not say that she is not a Christian in some classroom situations because she has a difficult time explaining her beliefs.

"Sometimes I just sit by and let them think I'm a Christian because it's easier than some times sitting in class," Western said. "Agnostics don't have one set of belief systems and it is hard because I have a crippled vocabulary when discussing faith with Christians. Different terms mean different things to me."

Despite potential tough times in the classroom, most non-Christian students find their professors are more open to their different faith perspectives.

Hoff said professors are understanding and appreciative of his point of view.

"If it's in a class discussion and I bring up that I'm not a Christian you can see [the professor's] eyes light up sometimes," Hoff said.

Gray also said professors are willing to listen to her about her faith perspec-

tive.

"As far as professors are concerned, I am not sure they have a clear understanding [of Baha'i], but they are open to the idea of me expressing my faith in classes," Gray said.

Western said although she can talk to professors, she believes they do not fully understand some things she experiences.

"I feel like I can talk to my professors," Western said. "I usually can talk to Andrea Saccoccio [associate chaplain], but I feel like sometimes they don't know what I'm going through and that we are speaking different languages."

Terry McGonigal, dean of the Seeley G. Mudd Chapel, encourages discussion between students and faculty to learn from the different perspectives Christians and non-Christians have.

"I want our faculty [and students] to engage in genuine, honest conversation to acknowledge that there are differences in terms of perspectives [and] faith claims," McGonigal said. "[You should] not get so worked up on [the fact that] someone thinks differently than [you] do. That's how we learn. That's how we grow."

McGonigal said this is the best of

what he hopes for in the approach to genuine relationships.

Non-Christian students say they are connecting with others students.

"I do have my circle of friends," Hoff said. "Most of them either have been or are Christian and some [of them are] not."

Hoff believes being a music major helps.

"There [are] always a couple of non-Christians in the music department," Hoff said. "Most of the rest are pretty liberal and understanding about that kind of thing."

Western said she also has friends, but finds it difficult to find non-Christians to connect with.

"I have friends here, but it's been hard for me to connect with non-Christians because it's really hard to figure out who the non Christians are," Western said.

Senior Jocelyn Wilson is a Christian. She said, based on her friendships with non-Christian students, she finds they feel most welcomed when they are known.

"People need to be included in community," Wilson said. "That's why things like small groups, good professor-student interactions are indispensable. All those things contribute to sense of well-being."

Hoff believes that being aware of others who have different points of view helps non-Christian students feel like they are apart of the community.

"Just try to be more aware that the classrooms that you are in aren't necessarily full of people that agree with you," Hoff said.

Western said the main thing Christian students can do is to listen to different faith perspectives with out trying to change it or ridicule it.

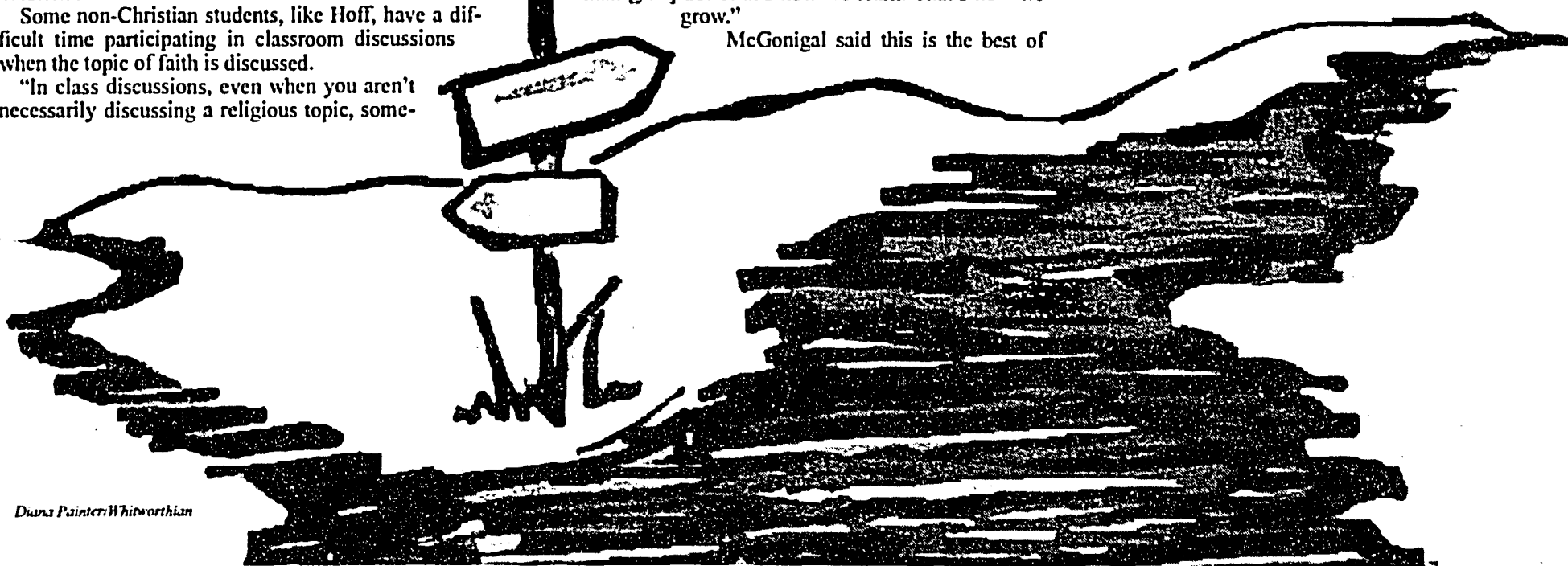
"I think it is extremely important that Christians try to see where the other side is coming from, not so that they change their beliefs, but so that they can understand how someone could believe it," Western said.

McGonigal said even the disciples of Jesus had to learn how to accept one another's perspectives.

"There was a lot of diversity among those twelve, not just diversity, there was animosity," McGonigal said. "And yet somehow, because they all gathered around Jesus, over a long period of time their perspective of each other changed."

"I felt like I made a really expensive mistake."

Greg Hoff,
senior



Diana Painter/Whitworthian

Opportunities slim for non-Christians

Peer groups only option available for support

Erika Prinns
Staff writer

Opportunities to engage in faith-focused activities abound at Whitworth. Class discussions, the weekly worship service Hosanna, small group Bible studies, chapel and clubs like En Christo and Whitworth Missions Fellowship all give students a chance to develop and practice their faith — if they are Christian.

These activities are heavily advertised starting at freshman orientation and continuing through the year. Non-Christian students, however, must search harder to find such resources at the college and in the Spokane community.

"Since this is a Christian campus, it seems that we focus solely on the Christian students and their needs," senior Rachel Gray said.

Gray is a Baha'i. Whitworth did not offer her any resources for finding a faith community in Spokane.

Dean of Seeley G. Mudd Chapel Terry McGonigal said he can provide students with contact information for non-Christian religious leaders in the Spokane area.

The chapel also offers a "peer group" program. According to senior small group coordinator Jocelyn Wilson, students are placed into small groups that do activities like

making dinner, answering questions pulled out of a hat and having one-on-one conversation.

The groups are a chance for students to get to know one another and discuss issues that are important to them.

"In my peer group (non-faith based small group) we would often talk about our religion and it was a really supportive environment and there were people of a couple of different faiths and some Christians who were more liberal and tried to be more understanding," senior Shaina Western said. Western came to Whitworth a Mormon and is now agnostic.

Since peer groups are the only program offered by Whitworth that specifically addresses issues of faith for non-Christians, some find it difficult to identify and build relationships with others who share their religious views.

Western said it has been harder for her to connect with non-Christians because it is hard to figure out who the non-Christians are.

Gray agrees that establishing a community of non-Christians has been difficult and she has found no other Baha'is among the student population.

"It seems like it's really difficult to have a network for non-Christians. It seems like we have developed a network on our own," Gray said. "As far as the administration, I don't know how effectively they would do that because they are so concerned with meeting the needs of the Chris-

tian students."

Gray, Western and senior Greg Hoff all agree that although their professors cannot always relate with them on issues of faith, they appreciate diversity of beliefs in their classrooms.

"There was once, a couple of years ago, I was talking with some of my music teachers about going to a different school because of the religion thing and one of them expressed that he really appreciated having the diversity and it was really important to him that people like me come here," Hoff said.

Western also appreciates the openness of professors, but does not always feel understood.

"I feel like I can talk to my professors. I usually can talk to [associate chaplain Andrea] Saccoccio but I feel like sometimes they don't know what I'm going through and that we are speaking different languages," Western said.

Whitworth should provide more resources for its non-Christian students, Gray said.

"But it doesn't just go for religion. There is all this talk of diversifying but they don't give an outlet for people who are the 'diversifiers' to express themselves," Gray said. "They aren't given a chance to dialogue with the Whitworth community and diversify it. We are here in name, but our presence isn't really known."

"I have friends here, but it's been hard for me to connect with non-Christians because it's really hard to figure out who the non-Christians are."

Shaina Western,
senior

Book shows how to live 'in but not of' postmodern world

Caley Ochoa
Staff writer

Donald Miller's second book "Blue Like Jazz" entertains themes of "Non-religious thoughts on Christian spirituality." Once described as "Anne Lamott with testosterone," Miller, who modeled his book on "Traveling Mercies" approaches this book of essays on faith with revealing honesty and humility.

"It's his own thoughts and his own struggles," junior Ali Kara said. "Just like every other Christian has similar thoughts and struggles. He was just willing to print them."

Many Christians working to live "in but not of" our postmodern world will find one perspective on how to do so in the book. Miller writes about his own shortcomings along with those of others, yet he manages to embrace people much different from himself, often with contrary viewpoints.

"Donald Miller is relevant because he takes into account the modern situation without compromising Biblical values," junior Meara Hall said. "That is the big distinction from 'worldliness.' His basic claim is 'I want to love people.'"

For students who may be reading A. W. Tozer, Philip Yancy or Rick Warren, Miller is sure to stand out from the crowd. Miller's work draws from his own life experience, including some time he spent travel-

ing across country until he ran out of money, or the time when he lived in the forest among hippies. Miller also audited classes at Reed College in Oregon which is, for the most part, very liberal and anti-Christian.

"[Miller] represents a Christianity that doesn't point the finger at people. It's a refresher of what Christianity represents, which is Jesus Christ as love," senior Katey Robinson said.

One stand-out section of the book which many students remembered was a part in which Miller and some Christian friends build a confessional booth on campus. However, the twist comes when Reed students enter the booth, the Christians confess to them. The following is an excerpt from the passage:

"But the thing is, we are followers of Jesus. We believe that He is God and all, and He represented certain ideas that we have sort of not done a good job at representing. He has asked us to represent Him well, but it can be very hard."

Miller has been criticized by some Christian groups for being too "worldly" and relativistic in his writing. However, the subtitle of the book, "Nonreligious thoughts on Christian spirituality" clarifies one of the purposes behind Miller's book. Miller is

appealing to a wider audience than just the Christian church.

Miller's writing might be stronger and better received if he did, in fact, specify his audience. Some conjecture whether he is writing to the Christian at all or just appealing to a crowd who would only be attracted to the faith if it looked "cool."

"I have mixed feelings about it because, on the one hand, [Miller] is extremely honest," said Alan Mikkelsen, assistant professor of communication studies. "I think there are moments when his comments are sort of immature. I think people who are established in their faith will be disappointed by it."

Along with "Blue Like Jazz," Miller has three other books including his first, "Through Painted Deserts," about his road trip across the United States; "Searching for God Knows What," another collection of essays on faith; and "To Own a Dragon," co-authored with John MacMurray.

I would recommend "Blue Like Jazz" to Whitworth students. I think it is important for students to remember that Miller depicts one exploration of faith and is not a Biblical scholar, nor is he claiming to be any kind of authority in the Christian faith.

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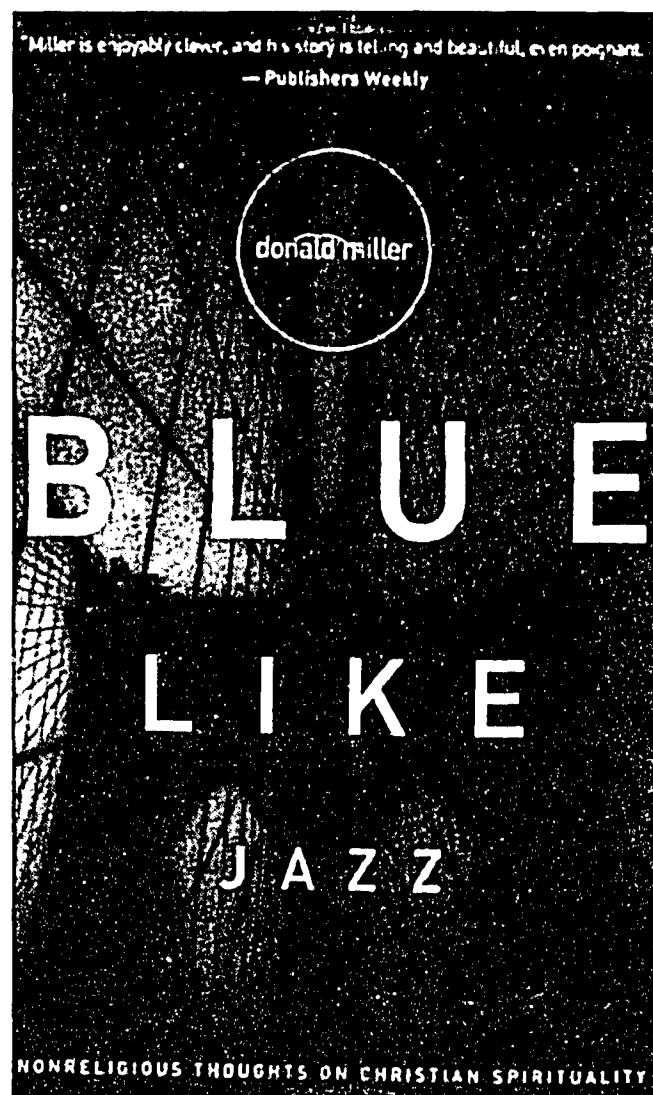
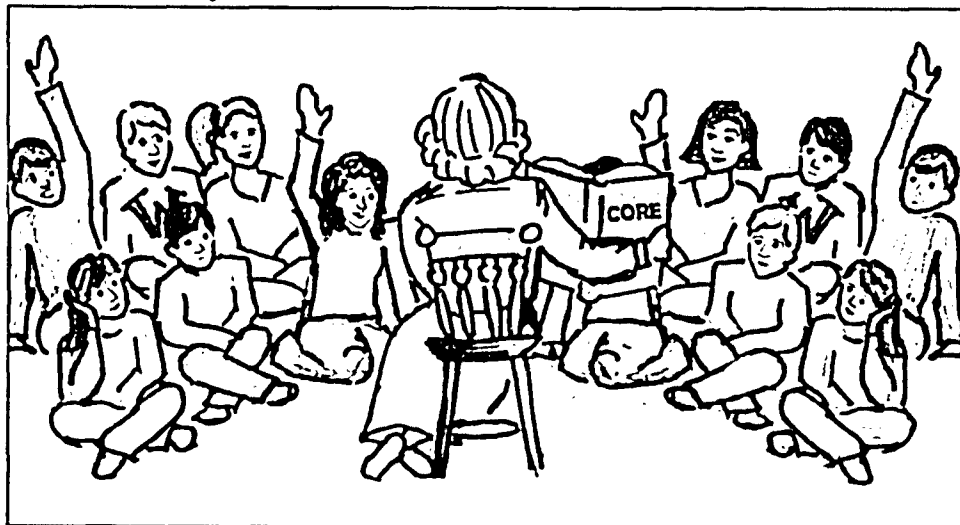


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A FAITH COMMENTARY



Diana Painter/Whitworthian

A big, expensive Sunday school

I haven't been to Sunday school in a while. There's a part of me that misses those days, when the easiest answer ("Jesus") was almost always right. ("Bible" and "love" were usually surefire, too.) Bible passages were spoon-fed and you came away knowing how many animals were on the Ark and how many plagues God wrought on Egypt.

You know. The basics.

Then you get to later, deeper studies where you actually start applying the Bible to your life with other Christians. Words like "fellowship" and "testimony" become household names. Tearful Bible camp conversions are trendy.

You actually start to think about the faith you have — or lack, more likely — in your life. It's tough to exist in a personal bubble of Christianity amid a scornful, secular high school society. Some kids hold strong. Most don't. But it's so easy to come back to church and "reclaim" Christianity every week.

Sometimes Whitworth reminds me of a big, expensive Sunday school.

Regardless of whatever theological challenges we face in our classes — whether or not you are a theology major — Whitworth too often supplies us with the "right" things to say when confronted by those who don't understand (or agree with) our faith.

It can be the professors. The students. The textbook. Wherever the knowledge comes from, we can always imagine what should be said when someone questions Christianity. The religion has a regrettable (yet undeniable) tendency toward clichés.

Even these form-letter defenses might be useful, were they actually used in practice. But therein lies the problem: Our faith seems too often to exist in a protective Christian environment. Our apologies are theoretical. Our beliefs are provincial. God is easy.

Come on, man. Everybody's doing it.

Although we assume — in a sort of de facto way — that Whitworth represents the larger community, we all offhandedly realize our school hides away in a Christian

pocket of an increasingly secular society. One way or another, we're all going to immerse ourselves in the real world eventually.

You have to wonder, as I do, if we'll be able to be as strong once we Christians finish incubating. We learn our faith, but when it's never seriously called into question, it's difficult to learn how to practically defend it.

I'm convinced that faith — true faith — must be tried and tested. It's easy to conform to everyone else's beliefs without taking personal ownership of them. Jesus should be fought for in one way or another; otherwise, he's an expendable friend.

You know when I became a Christian?

It wasn't at summer camp or in a sanctuary. I didn't begin to own my faith in a prayer, no matter how earnest the prayer may have been. It wasn't in Sunday school, it wasn't at vacation Bible school, it wasn't in small group. It wasn't at Whitworth.

My faith came alive one lonely summer when it was called out by a community of

atheists, agnostics, alcoholics and people that couldn't have cared less one way or another.

They asked me why I believe this stuff, effectively subpoenaing my faith and my doubt into the courtroom in front of a jury of their peers.

At first I sat on the fence between Christianity and denial. Then I remembered the early Christians — whom I learned about at Whitworth, of course — and how their strong beliefs had hardened from years of struggle against doubtful oppressors. And I defended my faith.

They scoffed and scorned. They shook their heads at my ignorance. They told me I was a young idealist who hadn't dealt with the real world.

They didn't understand.

But for the first time, I did.



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International students surprised by climate

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Facing cultural differences makes for difficult transitions for many international students but it is not the only challenge they face in the United States. Many students have found the religious climate of Whitworth, and more broadly, the United States, is not what they expected.

Sophomore Rashid Gabdulhakov is an international student from Uzbekistan. He has been living in Spokane as an exchange student since high school.

He decided to remain in the United States to further his education and attended community college after graduation, transferring to Whitworth in the fall of 2006.

Gabdulhakov said his country and upbringing were strongly Muslim, but now he finds his beliefs are more in-line with atheism.

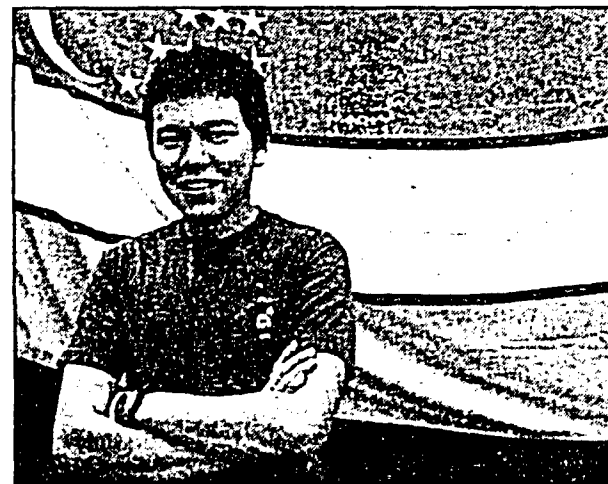
Many Christians seem to believe other religions are invalid, Gabdulhakov said.

"At Whitworth it is so black and white to people. They see it as if you are a Christian you do good things, and if you are of a different faith you do not," Gabdulhakov said.

Gabdulhakov has found the tolerance level and intensity of many Christians on campus to be more of a negative influence.

"I grew up in a very conservative Islamic society, and came to the United States to have freedom and religious freedom," Gabdulhakov said. "I have found that there are fundamentalists here as well who I consider dangerous members of society. A lot of Americans view Muslims in other countries as radical and dangerous, but there are dangerous radical Christians in America."

Gabdulhakov and other international students have felt a spirit of intolerance when talking with Christians.



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Sophomore Rashid Gabdulhakov poses with the Uzbekistan flag last fall.

Freshman Bisma Ayadi, a French exchange student, had experiences similar to Gabdulhakov.

Ayadi is of Tunisian descent, and is Muslim. She is attending Whitworth only for Spring semester.

Ayadi points to the mixing of Christianity in American politics as one of the primary flaws she sees in the United States.

"There is a threat to democratic rights when you add religion to politics in a democracy," Ayadi said.

Like Gabdulhakov, Ayadi feels some Christians take their religion to an extreme, and can become dangerous.

"I believe that the Christian religion is a positive religion that promotes love and peace," Ayadi said. "However some American Christians can turn Christianity into a fundamentalist interpretation of the Bible."

Both Ayadi and Gabdulhakov believe Christians and Christianity can be positive, but often Christians' views of other religions can be skewed.

"You can be an atheist and be a good person, and be a Christian and be a bad person and visa versa," Gabdulhakov said. "When I volunteer or when I donate for charity I am not motivated to do this because of the rewards, such as going to heaven, or a forgiveness of sin. I want to do these things because they are from my heart, just to help people, no

matter what religion they follow."

An international student from South Korea, Hyunjeong Lee has a slightly different view of the religious culture of Whitworth and Spokane.

She agrees that both are lacking in the representation of different cultures; however, the United States, and Whitworth, is still more religiously diverse than what she has experienced in Korea, Lee said.

"It is more diverse than in Korea," Lee said. "There, it is about 60 or 70 percent Christian, and they have a lot of political power."

Lee considers herself a Christian, but finds fault in the ways some Christians go about communicating with non-Christians.

"Some extreme Christians are going about things the wrong way," Lee said. "They are making it so that non-Christians have the wrong opinion of Christianity. They need to respect other religions."

Gabdulhakov said communication and respect are essential in relationships between religions. Gabdulhakov believes every religion and individual is trying to answer the same set of basic questions, of which humanity, as a whole, is still uncertain.

"Every religion is about finding out where we have come from, what the purpose of life is and what happens after death," Gabdulhakov said.

Vocation and calling

Exploring who you are and who you can be...

Laura Richardson
Staff writer

During college, students seek out their vocation in an attempt to understand what they should do with their lives.

The road to discovering one's calling, however, is full of twists and turns.

"Seldom is the career path straight. That's life," said Andrew Pyrc, assistant director of career services.

Former Whitworth student Josh Siemieniec knows that to be true from personal experience.

Siemieniec would have been a senior theology major this semester, ready to graduate and work in the world. His plans took a different turn when he was denied a loan and could not pay for spring semester tuition.

"I've been living in a monastic house that Jerry Sittser's running," Siemieniec said. There are three other Whitworth students and one Eastern Washington University student also living there.

Students participate in morning and evening devotions and every Sunday night they prepare a community dinner. Living in the monastic house instead of going to school has given Siemieniec a lot of free time to ponder his life's purpose.

"I'm quite positive that God is calling me to go to Haiti after graduation for missions," Siemieniec said. "It's an extremely poor country. It's the poorest in the western hemisphere."

Siemieniec said he identifies his calling in James 1:27. That verse states, "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

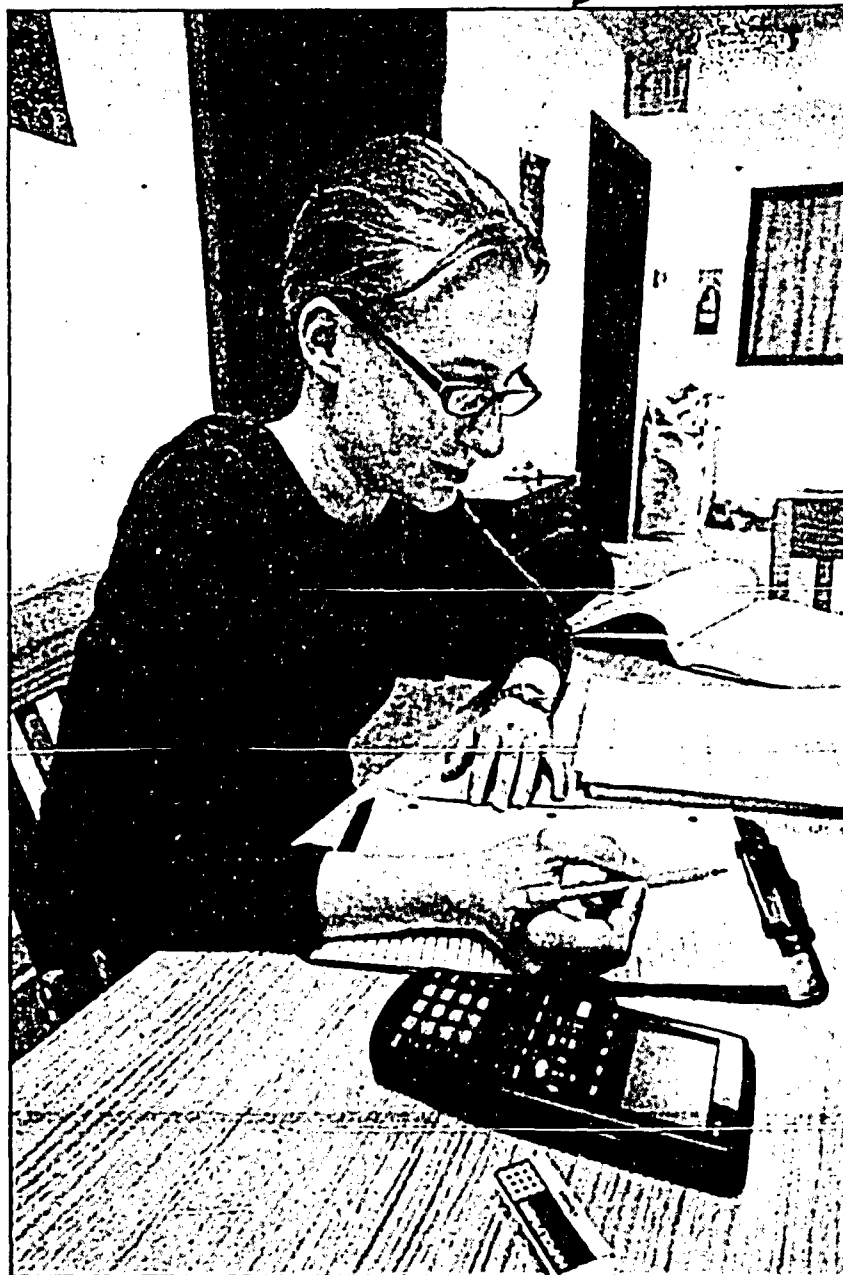
Siemieniec did not always feel a strong pull towards missions. Before he came to Whitworth he wanted to be an aerospace engineer, but he felt God calling him towards theology.

"I kind of fought God a lot," Siemieniec said. He said he ultimately gave into what God wanted him to do. "Things didn't go quite as I had planned. I kind of had to let go of everything I wanted."

Before he decided to pursue theology, he had to first ask himself where the idea was coming from.

"Spend some time discerning your gifts, values, skills, interests. Find a way that you can use those that fulfill you and your spirituality."

Andrew Pyrc
assistant director of
career services



Senior Laura Schaffnit works on her homework in the Schumacher Hall lounge last Monday. Because of her math talents, Schaffnit was advised by a professor to pursue math instead of attending medical school.

"When I'm kind of questioning where a thought comes from, I often will pray about it, 'Is this me or is this you, God?'," Siemieniec said. He hesitates to make a blanket statement that God will always answer that prayer.

"But for me, he has," Siemieniec said.

Pyrc urged students to do more than just pray about their vocation.

"What I've seen in a lot of students is an almost passive attitude," Pyrc said. "Instead of being proactive, they're just waiting to hear from God."

Students first need to evaluate their abilities, goals and values. The Career Services office offers personality and career assessments to help students determine their values and skills.

Students then need to cultivate their abilities, Pyrc said.

"Vocation and calling is more of an attitude of service and an aptitude, which is the student's responsibility to cultivate," Pyrc said. "Spend some time discerning your gifts, values, skills, interests. Find a way that you can use those that fulfill you and your spirituality."

The more students can get off campus and be in the community, the more they can find a match for their values and abilities, Pyrc said.

Finding that match can be a tricky process though, senior Laura Schaffnit said.

For years, Schaffnit was sure she was supposed to go to medical school and become a doctor, but this Janu-

ary she realized that going to medical school was not the best fit for her.

During Jan Term, Schaffnit had lunch with assistant professor of physics Kamesh Sankaran who encouraged her to not go to medical school because that would be a waste of her math talents. That meeting led Schaffnit to change her major this spring from pre-med to math.

Schaffnit said getting advice from friends and professors, praying and doing a lot of soul-searching helped her discern her new calling towards biomathematics.

Schaffnit now attends a math careers class that forces the students to look at why they chose their math or computer science majors. The students take self-assessment and career planning tests from Career Services to help them make sure they are on the right vocational path.

"[The tests] force you to look at your values and interests and make sure they line up with what you want to do," Schaffnit said.

Executive assistant to the president Dale Soden, who co-directs the Lilly Grant with dean of the Seeley G. Mudd Chapel Terry McGonigal, said the grant has given students opportunities to see if their values really match up with what they want to do. For instance, the Lilly Grant has sent students into seminary and funded research assistantships to help students evaluate their calling.

When in the process of discerning their vocations, Soden said students should ask two important questions: "What are you passionate about?" and "How do you see that connected to your purpose in life?"

Students need to examine their gifts, passions, skills, purposes and convictions, Soden said. They then must think about how to use those elements in their work, family, church, community and the world.

Even students who are not Christians can still ask the basic question of what their purpose and role in the world is, Soden said.

"I think that probably the most important vocational question you can answer is, 'Why am I here?'," Soden said.

Vocation, therefore, is not just something in the future, Soden said.

"You have a calling as a student now," he said.

Later in life, one's calling might include being a good mother or father.

"Living a life of calling and vocation is a daily set of decisions," Soden said. "It's a mind set of how to think well about what one does."

A real globe trotter

Life as a missionary kid proves to be a tough but rewarding experience full of excitement

Kelly MacDonald
Staff writer

A strong will for God and commitment to go anywhere, at any cost, has driven this self-proclaimed "missionary kid" to thrive in the United States after 18 years in the mission field. Twenty-three-year-old sophomore Camas Lamson was born and raised in Papua New Guinea as the daughter of Christian missionaries. This article briefly describes her life journey.

What organization is your family affiliated with and what were your family's goals?

My family were New Tribes Mission missionaries and worked in a support capacity. My dad was the radio technician for all of the two-way UHF (ultra high frequency) radios. He kept the aircraft radios in good repair for the jungle planes of New Tribes Mission Aviation (NTMA), and he licensed and repaired all the land based radios used by the tribal missionaries. Since the UHF radios are often the only way tribal missionaries are connected to the outside world, my dad took his responsibilities very seriously and was kept very busy.

What is the most exciting experience you have had in the mission field?

I have watched a tribal war which was interesting and a little frightening. I have had a rock the size of a baseball thrown through my bedroom wall during a short-lived riot and had to run through the darkness in search of safety.

One of the most exciting experiences for me was the chances I had to share meals and worship with new brothers and sisters in Christ from different tribes. The languages and cultures were different but the love, the hope of a future and the confidence in Christ were the same.

What are some of the most important lessons you have learned in your experiences?

There are many different views, beliefs and ways of thinking in the world. Some of them may be understandable with study, some may be just so different it is hard to ever fathom them; but you will receive more respect, have more "friends" and be more affective at sharing our own beliefs if you take the time to respect and learn at least a little about the different views with which you come into contact.

Remember to have thick skin yourself and not be easily offended. Always assume that everyone else is going to have thin skin and do what you can to either not offend them or at least to explain what is unavoidably going to.

Were there ever times when you wished your life could have been different? Why or why not?

Yes, there have been times when I wished my life could be different but they were always short lived and went both ways. I would wish that I lived in one stable community and that my

friends did not always have to leave. But there was always a chance to make new friends and the ones I said goodbye to always left something behind in my mind and heart from which I could draw and learn.

There were times in the United States when I stared lonely at some sunrise in some new state when I missed my familiar Papua New Guinea with an intensity that made me wish I was a black New Guinea native. But I was always reminded of the privileges I held as an American citizen.

Overall, I would not change my life as a missionary kid for anything.

What kind of people do you think belong in the mission field?

You need to be willing to ask questions, make mistakes and laugh at yourself. Language and culture-learning are always going to require these skills. You need to have a servant's heart and be willing to love the people you are going to minister to.

You need to be willing to leave America behind, live as much as possible like the people, be willing to give up some of your comforts. You would be amazed how much you don't need to really be comfortable.

Most importantly, be committed, understand that if you, as a missionary, are really going to make a difference in even one life it requires a long term commitment that goes beyond the good times through the bad times and right into the process of living life. You can't bail the first time it gets rough or if the results you want aren't coming as fast as you would like.

How does one try to assimilate back into the United States?

I personally went to a Bible school and learned and accidentally offended people in a forgiving small Christian setting, where people were willing to help explain my mistakes to me. There are many others I knew who did so by going to a New Tribes Mission Bible school where they were surrounded by other missionary kids.

Unfortunately most of the missionary kids I know who try to just jump back into home cultures end up drowning. They get lost on what is of value in either of their cultures and often end up hating both. Once you have a support system, start getting used to the idea that there are 20 different varieties of peanut butter in the stores, no one is impressed by your white skin and blonde hair, and people are always going to be more concerned with their own immediate lives and cultures than listening to your homesick reminiscences.

What are your family's plans for the future?

My parents have some what "retired" from the mission field and are now working here in the states. They are helping my brother and I with emotional and prayer support and helping out with leadership positions in a small community church.



Q&A
CAMAS LAMSON
sophomore

The evolution of Christian music

Caleb Knox
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Music can be infinitely divided into genres and subgenres, such as arena rock or Americana, power metal or protopunk. One genre that is as distinctive as any other is "Christian" music. The Christian music industry seems to be divided into three categories: music that sounds 'Christian' for some reason, worship music and imitations of whatever is popular in the mainstream.

What makes Christian music sound "Christian"? Why is it that when you're scanning through the radio stations, you can always tell which one is the Christian station, even without hearing any vocals?

The same thing that makes other genres distinct: the evolution of the music and fan base. Through the years, Christian artists have sculpted Christian music to its current state, just as jazz or hip-hop artists have defined their genres.

During the "Jesus freak" movement of the 1970s, Keith Green, Larry Norman and other forefathers of today's Christian music were making the music they knew how to make, but they were doing it in the name of Jesus Christ.

The foundation they built was entrusted to Amy Grant, Rich Mullins and Michael W. Smith, who passed it to dc Talk, Third Day and the Newsboys and now to TobyMac, the David Crowder Band and MercyMe.

The pioneers of Christian music wrote deeply passionate songs that have become Sunday staples in many congregations. Keith Green, for example, wrote "Make My Life a Prayer to You," "Oh Lord, You're Beautiful" and "How Majestic is Thy Name."

That kind of creativity just doesn't seem to exist anymore; on the contrary, worship music now seems to be what Christian artists make when their imagination runs out.

The formula for a successful Christian band seems to go something like this: Release four or five albums, get one or two placed on the Billboard 200 chart, win some Dove awards and then put out a "worship album" filled with the favorite songs of hip Christians with goatees who go to churches with a modern worship style.

When the band's next rock al-



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Christian rock band Switchfoot performs in Spokane in February.

bum comes out, it's a huge marketing ploy. "This band returns to their roots with their great new album," the headline in CCM Magazine will read.

The problem with "worship albums" is not that they're bad. The problem is that they're all the same. You can only hear "Open the Eyes of My Heart" or "The Heart of Worship" so many times before the songs lose their meaning and become three-minute zone-outs instead of love letters to a complex and powerful deity.

The Christian music industry seems to be facing a dilemma. It seems like the mainstream Christian artists are preaching to the choir, while Christian alternative bands are trying to attract non-believers by sounding like those non-believers' favorite bands.

This has resulted in an alarming number of "Jesus-is-my-girlfriend" songs by the latter, in which the singer is addressing an indistinct person known only as "You." The lyrical density of these groups is weak, and their music isn't distinct enough to catch any ears.

Keith Green once said, "It's time to quit playing church and start being the Church."

It's time for Christian music to quit playing music business and start being musicians. Musicians with a passion for music, a gift for song writing and above all, a deep and undying love for the Lord.

Mennonite ties run deep for Whitworthians

Sara Morehouse
Staff writer

Two Mennonites walk into a room.
"Pennsylvania, you don't say? You wouldn't happen to know Mary Anne Slavson of Erie, would you?"

"Of course! She is my second cousin on my father's side! She is an excellent quilt maker ... I haven't heard from her in a while ..."

"She's my sister-in-law! Did you know she just had her second baby? ..."

It is called the Mennonite game. Two Mennonites who meet each other for the first time always make it a point to play this game and find their familial ties.

Political science professor John Yoder grew up Mennonite and continues to think of himself as a Mennonite even though he is now Presbyterian. Yoder said that for traditional Mennonites, living in a community is of central importance. In the past, Mennonites thought of themselves as "a group that was separate" that "did what the Bible said even when it didn't always make practical sense," Yoder said.

The goal of living in community as Mennonites is to help each other be faithful to God and to be present witnesses for Christ in the larger community of the world, Yoder said.

"The goal was to show the world a bit of what God is like," Yoder said. "We aren't here to fix the world; we are salt and light."

Though there are few Mennonites on campus, the ones who call Whitworth home attempt to live out their faith simply in their various Whitworth communities.

AMBER SLATE, sophomore

Sophomore Amber Slate started attending a Mennonite church with her family in eighth grade. She came to Whitworth because she wanted to be educated outside her community.

"It gave me more of a chance to have a balanced and well-informed view and to represent what I believe to a larger Christian community," Slate said.

Slate has been taught to lead by example. She said she tries to do this on campus by emphasizing peacemaking, service and living simply in community. Mennonites emphasize family community, which is why she chose a college close to her family and home church, she said.

Every October, Slate's family participates in Ritzville's Mennonite festival by setting up a circus-sized tent to sell homemade goods. This annual event is held in Mennonite communities across the country to raise money for world relief efforts and other charitable causes. Slate said the Ritzville Mennonite community contributed more than \$100,000 last year. The Ritzville Mennonite community is one of the largest in the local area, she said.

Slate's 30 to 40 member Mennonite congregation has mainly elderly people. Slate said she misses the influence of their life

experience in her life. Now finding herself in a community of her peers, she is experiencing many different backgrounds than her own, which she calls an "extra blessing."

"It's kind of been a new part of me that has been fulfilled here," Slate said. "It challenges the uniformity in which I grew up."

When Slate is not visiting her congregation at home, she attends North View Bible Church. She said she does not really feel connected, but she goes to worship with her friends here.

"I've been really accepted here," Slate said. "It's been a struggle, an effort to re-evaluate things like the peace stance or the service base and the evangelical side. It has been hard to fit these all into who I am."

Slate has observed quite a range of belief systems here at Whitworth, but she feels like she has found a niche, she said.

"There is a really cool emphasis on justice and sincerity in belief ... those are the people I gravitate to here," Slate said.

EMILY RAILSBACK, junior

Junior Emily Railsback calls herself a "liberal Mennonite."

Railsback came to Whitworth from Hillburo, Kan., because she was attracted to Whitworth's conservative atmosphere. She wanted to get away from her small town of 3,000 people where Mennonites are the majority. Railsback fit in at Whitworth at first, but saw the same "legalistic" and "closed-minded" tendencies of her Mennonite roots, she said.

Railsback holds a strong view on some aspects of the church.

"I don't put so much emphasis on denomination," she said. "They break people up."

Railsback was a part of the Mennonite Brethren, a branch of the faith similar to Mennonites, but with a greater emphasis on evangelism and outreach such as mission's trips, Railsback said.

In her Mennonite community back home, there was always a sense of "older Mennonites against the younger Mennonites" when it came to issues such as music, Railsback said.

"There was an old lady at my church that would cover her ears when she heard a guitar and drums played," Railsback said. "The most important thing in religions is that they are not supposed to be judgmental."

Though Railsback does not affiliate herself with the Mennonite Brethren directly anymore, she still holds many of the Mennonite beliefs, including emphasizing loving all people and pacifism.

CAROL SMUCKER, associate professor

Associate professor of modern languages Carol Smucker has been a Mennonite all her life, a lifestyle she said "infuses everything that I do in a rather subtle way." Smucker emphasizes the "humility spirit" in living out her faith. She feels her views are respected here at Whitworth and that

"My philosophy is to live out my beliefs rather than proclaim them from a mountain-top."

Carol Smucker,
associate professor of
modern languages



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Sophomore Amber Slate has been taught by her Mennonite community to lead by example.

she "just feels like a Christian," she said.

"My philosophy is to live out my beliefs rather than proclaim them from a mountain-top," Smucker said.

Smucker brings her beliefs into what she teaches, but said Yoder is the main spokesperson for Mennonite pacifism on campus.

JOHN YODER, professor

Yoder, also the director of Whitworth's peace studies program, said he tries to incorporate his beliefs of simplicity, community, pacifism and service into the classes that he teaches. His hope is to teach students to seek "less-violent, less-control-

ling" ways to resolve problems in their lives, though he realizes that not everyone is a pacifist.

"Another principle that is important to me as a Mennonite is that we should live our lives in service to others and not in service to self," Yoder said in an e-mail. "That doesn't mean that I tell all of my students to become social workers or try to mimic Mother Teresa. One can serve as a politician, businesswoman, teacher, or development worker. What is essential is that each person use his or her resources and position in life to make the lives of others better, more just, and more whole (shalom)."

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Basic principles followed by most Mennonite groups

► Jesus Christ is the center of worship and day-to-day living.

► Strong commitment to community.

► Behavior should model Christ's example to others.

► The Bible is regarded as God's inspired word.

► Membership is voluntary, with adult baptism following a declaration of faith.

► Advocates for peace, believing Jesus taught a way of peace. Most decide not to participate in military service, while some object to any military expenditure at all.

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A summer in the sun

Students are passionate camp counselors

Trevor Hansen
Staff writer

Hard work, rough living conditions, wages that top out well below minimum wage and lengthy time commitments that frequently involve 24/7 workweeks. These are just some of the requirements of a summer job that many Whitworth students embrace every year.

This summer, many students will work at Christian camps as counselors, staffers and grunt laborers. Some receive compensation, but many do not; most have worked at camps before, and will again. All could name at least half a dozen other students bound for camp jobs at semester's end.

When asked about their reasons for working at religious camps, students offered a wide variety of responses.

Senior Kelly Peterson served the last four years as a volunteer staff member at Malibu Club, a youth camp in Canada run by Young Life. She will return to Malibu Club this summer as a paid intern. Peterson wants to be a high school teacher after college and is motivated both by her love for kids and her Christian faith.

"I've found joy in serving the kids, seeing how the kids change over a week," Peterson said.

Young Life places a strong emphasis on evangelism, Peterson said. Equally important to her, however, is the opportunity to provide youth a safe, enjoyable week away from life's troubles.

"When kids come into camp, you can just see the wear of the world on their faces and in their actions," Peterson wrote in an e-mail. "Camp is a place where kids can come and be themselves. They can forget about whatever is going on back home and just be kids again, have fun, and learn about Christ in a place where they feel accepted and loved."

Sophomore Kimberly Stokesbary worked last year as a paid counselor at Luther Haven in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, voiced a similar perspective.

"Hearing some of the kids' stories, some of them have been through some really hard things in their lives," Stokesbary said. "The opportunity to give them a week away from everything, to have fun and experience God's love, is amazing."

Stokesbary said her goal as a counselor is to help her kids along in their journey of faith.

"Our job isn't necessarily to bring a kid to Christ in just a week," Stokesbary said. "That happens, sometimes, but our goal is maybe just to get them from point A to point B, if point A is where they are and point Z is accepting Christ."

Stokesbary will work at Luther Haven again this summer, spending 11 weeks and two weekends on duty and earning a grand total of \$2,000.

"If you calculate it out like an hourly job, that's about 98 cents an hour," Stokesbary said.

Sophomore Trevor Annis will make even less at Cascades Camp in Yelm, Wash. He will earn

approximately \$300 a month for working on the camp's operations team, performing tasks that range from maintenance to burning to building.

Like Stokesbary, though, Annis said it is not about the money.

"The main reason I go is just because I think God can use me out there," Annis said.

Freshman Caroline Morgan, who has volunteered at Camas Meadows Bible Camp since summer 2003, actually had to pay to work at summer camp — this year Camas Meadows is charging counselors \$20 just to apply, \$60 for training and \$40 for every week spent at camp.

Morgan's duties as counselor involved spending literally the entire day with her campers.

"We talk about where they are in their relationship with Christ," Morgan said. "We tell them it's okay, wherever they are, and during discussion we encourage them to ask questions. That's why we try to be with them as much as possible — you never know when they'll ask a question."

Morgan was given other tasks as well.

"It's a small camp, so we're also the janitors and dishwashers and cooks," Morgan said.

When asked why she pays to work, Morgan said, "I feel like it's a way I can make a difference — a spiritual difference, hopefully bringing them closer to Christ, but also sometimes they just need a friend, someone to listen to them."

Sophomore Tyler Hamilton will volunteer at New Life's Frontier Ranch camp in Colorado for the third time this summer, offered another perspective.

"The biggest reason why I do it now is that I want people to be able to know my story," Hamilton said.

Sharing his testimony — and hearing the testimonies of others — is what drives Hamilton to work with youth. He believes such sharing leads to spiritual and personal growth, both in the youth and in the counselors.

"I think that through sharing testimonies, we have the ability to really strongly effect other people," Hamilton said. "That's how I've been most affected by others."

Junior Zach Dahmen works summers as paid staff at Presbyterian-owned Camp Spalding. He emphasized the positive impact camp can have in campers' lives.

"Kids wait for this all year," Dahmen said.

Dahmen attended Camp Spalding when he was 14 and said he works at Camp Spalding in large part because of his own experience at the camp.

"It's out of a sense of gratitude for what I've been given," said Dahmen. "Camp Spalding is where I became a Christian. When I was 14, I went and met a camp counselor there who really changed my life."

Dahmen said he is still in touch with that camp counselor.

And, as with the impact Dahmen's counselor had on his life, Caroline Morgan said her outreach is ongoing.

"We were expected to maintain contact with our campers," she said.

Morgan is still writing letters back and forth with one of her campers.

For Morgan, however, the cost of being a counselor and the need to pursue other life experiences will probably lead her to seek mainstream employment this summer. Still, she said, she hopes to return to Camas Meadows at least briefly this summer.



Photos courtesy of Liv Ringo

TOP: Senior Liv Ringo paints the face of a camper at Camp Spalding last summer. Ringo was the art director for the camp, her second as a counselor.

BELOW: Junior Rachel Lammers holds her arms wide as two campers grab hold. Lammers was a second year counselor at Camp Spalding last summer and had volunteered in two years previous to her employment.



Women stand strong as minority voice

Out of the five tenured professors in the theology department, only one is female

Julie Woolton
Staff writer

Out of about 25 faculty members in the theology department, only four are female. Out of the five tenured professors in the theology department, only one is female.

Karin Heller, associate professor of theology and philosophy, is the only tenured female professor in the theology department.

Other female faculty members include Andrea Saccoccio, associate chaplain, and Karen Finch and Dottie Mohrlang, adjunct faculty members.

"I cannot tell why we do not have a 50/50 ratio of male and female theology professors at Whitworth," Heller said. "Some theology departments have very few female theology professors and some are close to 50/50. I cannot speak for those who hire."

The gender imbalance in the Whitworth theology department is characteristic of many Christian colleges and can be explained by other factors.

"From a student's perspective it may look like there is a glaring disproportion between the number of male and female theology faculty members, but it does not look like that from my seat," said Jim Edwards, professor of theology and department chair of the theology department.

Within the past few years, there have been two openings in the theology department for professors.

For Heller's position, there were about 100 applicants and 15 applicants were female, Edwards said.

For Adam Neder's (assistant professor of theology) position, there were 150 applicants and 11 female applicants (roughly one out of every 15 applicants).

Edwards said the theology department contacted women's advocacy groups to ensure the largest applicant pool possible when they were hiring for these positions.

Also, the search committee in charge of choosing the two new professors was composed of an equal balance of males and females.

One reason for the lack of female theology professors may be the lack of qualified applicants.

"We wanted to increase the number of female theology faculty, but we did not want to hire a person who was not qualified for the position," Edwards said. "The women who

applied for Karin and Adam's positions did not meet the qualifications."

One of the primary reasons for the gender imbalance in theology departments is the difficulty for women to hold a position as a professor and attend to family life.

"It is difficult to reconcile a career and research with family life," Heller said. "Publishing, writing and teaching is more difficult with a family, especially for women who take care of their children or follow their husband."

Also, childbirth is often an obstacle for female professors in getting tenure.

"In many schools, professors either get tenure after a certain time or are out, and this disadvantages women," said Karen Jobes,

the Gerald F. Hawthorne professor of New Testament Greek & Exegesis at Wheaton College.

Another obstacle for female theology professors seems to be difficulty building relationships with male professors.

"When it comes to professional relationships with other male professors in the department, I am fairly

invisible," said Bonnie Pattison, visiting assistant professor of theology at Wheaton College.

"The male faculty form tight knit groups and go golfing together, a kind of access that is not open to me. I have had a hard time trying to find conversation partners in theology and have pretty much given up," Pattison said.

Attempts have been made to correct the gender imbalance.

"We have been working hard to encourage female students who are theology and philosophy majors to consider attending graduate school," Edwards said. "I have been talking to about a half-dozen women individually who are excellent students and encouraging them to go to graduate school so that they would be able to teach at schools such as Whitworth in the future."

Despite the obstacles that exist for females in theology, love of the subject is what keeps many going.

"My faith in my calling and my husband have been the greatest sources of encouragement," Pattison said.

"I hope that there will be a 50/50 ratio of male and female professors in whatever department, not just theology," Heller said. "You have to have a disciplined life and battle to be able to hold your position."



Associate chaplain Andrea Saccoccio leads a class discussion. Saccoccio is one of the few women working in the theology department.

Katie Alamine/Whitworth.com

Application

Faculty integrate faith perspectives

Branden Cate
Staff writer

Some Whitworth professors make a point of meeting together frequently for devotions, some attend the same church and others take a more informal approach to Christian community.

Kamesh Sankaran, assistant professor of physics, said he does not meet with other professors specifically for devotions, although he meets with his colleagues, professors of theology Jerry Sittser and Roger Mohrlang, regularly.

Though most of the conversation is social, Sankaran said the wisdom he gains from these men, coupled with prayers for each other, has done much to encourage him during his time at Whitworth.

Sankaran said he is also in a Bible study at his church with Lyle Cochran, professor of math and computer science.

Sankaran said the Christian community among faculty members on campus has been, by far, his biggest surprise in coming to Whitworth.

"I'm so glad I'm working with these guys," Sankaran said.

Sankaran said spirituality among faculty members is important. He wants his life to be a model for students - that a person can focus on his or her field and serve God at the same time.

Ron Pyle, professor of communication studies, said he has been part of a men's group of six Whitworth professors for 15 years. Pyle said he notices Christian fellowship among faculty members, and that it happens through relationships.

"We try hard on the faculty here to produce an honest integration of faith in academic disciplines," Pyle said.

Cochran said math department meetings all begin with prayer.

"We all have our Christianity in common," Cochran said.

Cochran said spiritual conversations are more informal, rather than being incorporated into a subject like math. He said there are better classes for that integration.

Diane Marr, professor of education, has met once a week with two other female professors for about seven years. The women pray for Whitworth students and often have devotions.

She said her experience in the school of education at Whitworth has been her first chance to work in a Christian



Professor of kinesiology Warren Friedrichs, Barbara Sanders of the academic affairs office and professor of education Randall Michaelis discuss upcoming topics at a recent department chairs meeting. The monthly meetings are opened in prayer by one of the participating faculty or staff.

Thomas Robinson/Whitworthian

community.

"[Faculty and staff] here are supportive professionally and personally," Marr said.

Forrest Baird, professor of theology and philosophy, echoes the sentiment of support among faculty.

"People are here because they think that what they do makes a difference," Baird said. "I don't know of a single person at Whitworth who is here because it's just a 'good job.'"

Baird meets weekly with a number of Whitworth professors, and they share prayers and concerns with each other.

Baird said what he likes at Whitworth is the attempt on the part of faculty members to put Christ at the center of what they do.

Baird said there is true diversity in this, as many professors disagree on how this is done in the best way. He said the passion on the part of faculty members to incorporate Whitworth's mission of mind and heart into the classroom,

sometimes leads to conflict.

"I think we have major disagreements about the means, but I don't think we really disagree about the ends," Baird said.

Russ Richardson, director of athletic training, agrees.

"We're one big family, but we're very different people," Richardson said. "There's no place quite like this."

Richardson said athletic training faculty meetings begin with prayer, and the school's mission is integrated. He said Christ is the core of what Whitworth faculty members do.

Richardson has a painting hanging on his wall by Norman Rockwell, entitled "The Recruit." He shows the painting to his students each year, as an illustration of servant hood.

In the painting there is a football player surrounded by two trainers, one which seems to be giving the player advice, while the other seems to be attending to an injury.

"Christ came to serve, not to be served," Richardson said.

Faculty, staff required to sign statement of faith

Galen Sanford
Staff writer

Candidates for regular Whitworth faculty positions must meet a qualification of commitment to and practice of the Christian faith.

Candidates are required to write a statement of faith which explains their beliefs. They do not have to sign an official statement of beliefs provided by Whitworth, but may describe their own beliefs.

"In the faith statement we want to see a clear indication that a candidate is committed to Christ and to the authority of scripture," president Bill Robinson said in an e-mail.

The statement of faith requirement is to encourage conversation about two things, dean of the Seeley G. Mudd Chapel Terry McGonigal, said in an e-mail.

"First, does the candidate understand the College's theological commitments to centrality of Christ and the authority of the

scriptures?" McGonigal said. "Second, is the candidate enthusiastically supportive of these theological commitments?"

The statement of faith provides a common foundation for professors to form relationships because they have a common purpose in their work, Robinson said.

"I think our faculty and staff see their work not only as their jobs but also as ministries," Robinson said.

A statement of faith is designed to impact "inter-faculty relationships, faculty student relationships and the classroom environment," Rob Wilson, visiting professor of economics and business, said in an e-mail.

Humans establish ideas about their environment by finding values that they have in common with their environment, Wilson said. Once people have established their identity in relation to their environment,

they have a foundational context from which to learn.

Each faculty and staff member at Whitworth express their commitment and relationship to the central values of Whitworth, providing a unified identity by which the world students and professors study is seen in contrast, Wilson said.

The statement of faith requirement is core to Whitworth's identity, professor of sociology Robert Clark said.

Whitworth's Christian focus differentiates it from schools with other viewpoints, Clark said.

"There is a larger pluralism in higher education, a rich diversity of value approaches to higher education," Clark said.

The statement of faith requirement solidifies Whitworth's focus academically and unites the faculty behind one viewpoint, al-

lowing freedom of communication without hindrance from any ideological barriers, Clark said.

"We should not replicate that pluralism within each campus, [...] thereby making all campuses the same," Clark said.

University within each campus creates an "enforced monoculture" — a condition in which all universities have essentially the same focus, Clark said.

He likes the "diversity in the array of colleges and universities available to students and faculty" and likes the "freedom not to have to attend or teach at any particular school."

Establishing an environment of like-minded faculty may reduce diversity within campuses, but it ensures diversity between universities, Clark said.

"I love Christian higher education and would strongly resist any effort to make all campuses the same regarding faith and worldview and higher education," Clark said.

"Our faculty and staff see their work not only as their jobs but also as ministries."

Bill Robinson,
president

Application

Central America

College shapes your life. Simple lessons have a profound impact. Every few years, Whitworth students spend a semester in Central America and learn to "love their neighbor." Their experiences at graduation cannot be captured by a piece of paper emblazoned with "Whitworth University."

Justin Lindborg
Mike Novasky
Staff writers

The Central America study program has been a part of Whitworth for over 30 years. Former professor Ron Frase founded the trip in 1976 for students to study and engage in service work in a context of poverty, underdevelopment and globalization.

The Central America program encourages experiential learning based on interaction with people of a different, and often less fortunate, context than the United States.

Senior Clinton Lipscomb said his experience on the 2005 program was unique.

"The things you go through down there are things you can't learn in a classroom," Lipscomb said.

The trip begins with a four-week language school and moves to a month-long 'home-stay' in Honduras. Students are individually placed with a host family to experience their host's daily lives.

After their home-stay, students meet in Costa Rica at a sustainable farm and spend the next three weeks visiting museums and attending lectures.

They conclude the semester spending just over a month in Nicaragua and El Salvador.

Student response defines the trip.

"Putting someone in that environment and exposing them to new realities leaves them no choice but to learn," senior Mike Marchesini said. He went on the 2005 program.

Senior Chelsea Peterson's experience on the tour led her to dedicate her working to alleviate poverty with En Christo, the Center for Justice in Spokane and Agros International in Seattle.

"One of the biggest ways the trip changed my view of God was from Christianity as a private thing to helping me see God calling me to action," Peterson said.

Peterson plans to continue working with groups that help establish microfinance projects around the world to help people afford, and gain access to, simple necessities such as food and schooling.

Marchesini echoed Peterson's comments.

"Being on that trip helped me break down the barrier between belief and action," Marchesini said. "I firmly believe in loving my neighbors, and I realized that I need to have a lifestyle that accurately reflects that belief."

Experiencing poverty during the study program broke down the barrier.

"We all learn about poverty and social justice but this trip turns the abstract and theoretical into the concrete," senior Ryan Niemeyer said. "You actually anchor the abstract idea of poverty in a friend. (It is) walking with the poor and being in solidarity with the poor that really changes you."

Since the trip, Niemeyer applied to the University of Washington Medical School. He hopes to use his training to provide health care for those who cannot afford it.

I firmly believe in loving my neighbors, and I realized that I need to have a lifestyle that accurately reflects that belief."

Mike Marchesini, senior

Lipscomb works at the Center for Justice. Much of his time is spent resolving local landlord/tenant issues for people who cannot afford legal representation.

"The biggest thing I learned was that you love God by loving your neighbor," Lipscomb said. "That extends to everybody, not just those of your particular societal sect."

Lipscomb plans to continue working for justice after college by attending law school.

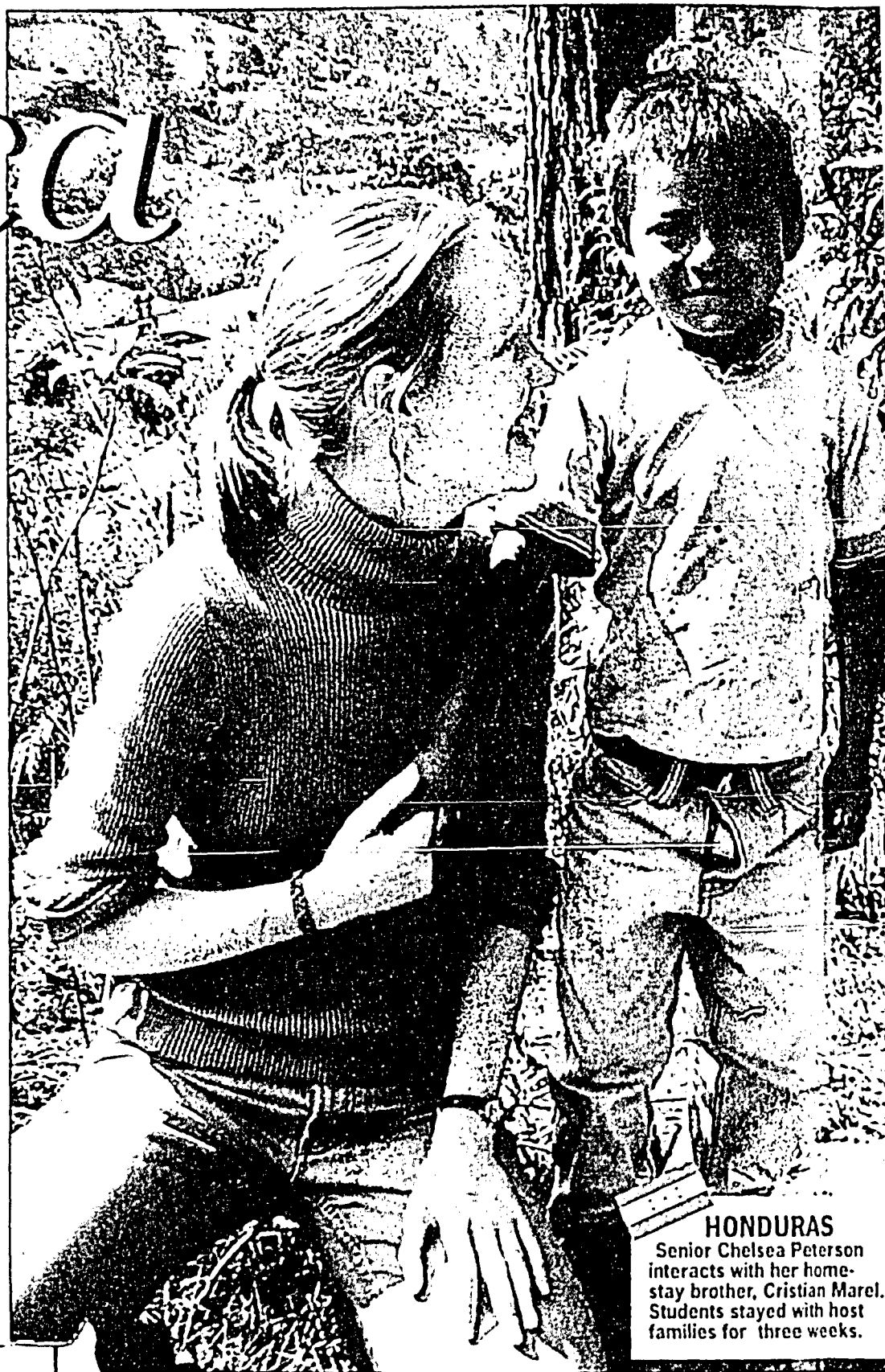
The trip seeks to integrate faith and learning and is a type of experience many wish more Americans could have, history professor Jim Hunt said.

"I really wish our decision makers in Washington D.C. had traveled more in the world at the grassroots level before they exercise power," Hunt said. "You learn so much by this experience; it provides lessons in humility."

On the trip Marchesini noticed the amount of planning put into the program by volunteer program assistants.

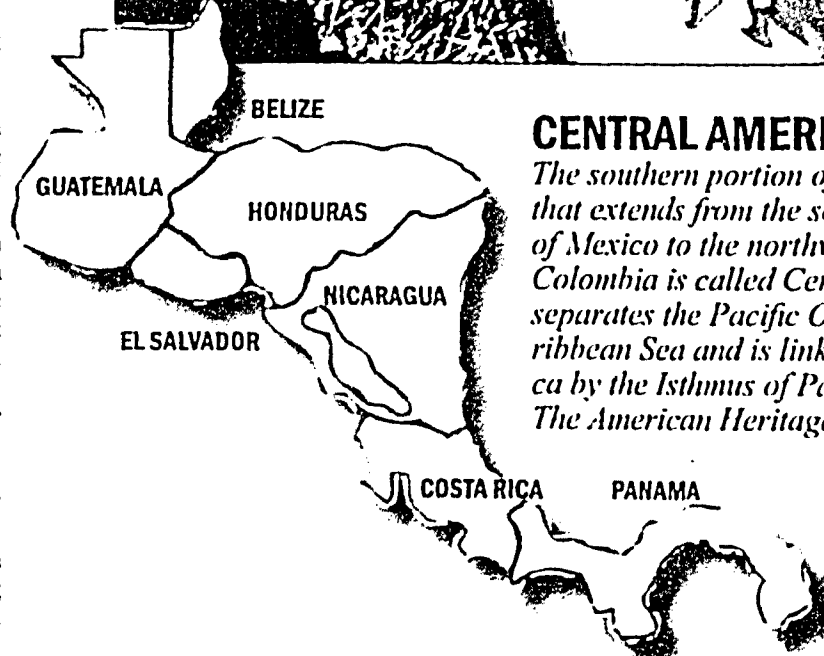
Marchesini asked one assistant why he gave so much energy to the trip.

"I believe that we cannot have a just and peaceful world unless young people experience this," the assistant responded.



HONDURAS

Senior Chelsea Peterson interacts with her home-stay brother, Cristian Marel. Students stayed with host families for three weeks.



CENTRAL AMERICA

The southern portion of North America that extends from the southern border of Mexico to the northwestern border of Colombia is called Central America. It separates the Pacific Ocean from the Caribbean Sea and is linked to South America by the Isthmus of Panama, according to The American Heritage Dictionary.



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Central America

Study Program, Spring 2005

For over 30 years, students have been delving into the lives of citizens in Central America. This semester-long program stretches students out of their comfort zones. It challenges students to see God in a different context, and re-examine how to truly live out faith.

Photos courtesy of Ryan Niemeyer, Chelsea Peterson and Katie Stewart



HONDURAS

Senior Ryan Niemeyer picks coffee beans during his home-stay.



NICARAGUA

Alumni Danielle Wagmen and Crystal Viken sort coffee beans in a coffee co-op.



EL SALVADOR

The TAs for the tour had previously lived in Chalatenango. They went back to visit and the kids in the neighborhood danced.

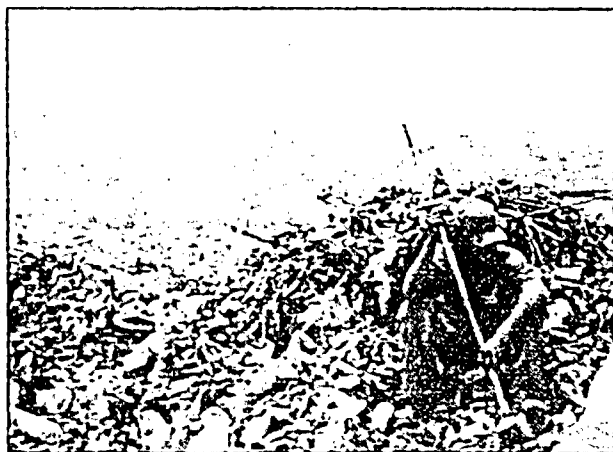


EL SALVADOR

Alumna Allison Oyster plays soccer with children at a local school.



THE MARKET — Whitworth students walk through a Nicaraguan market. The markets are highly trafficked and vendors sell anything from clothes to fruit.



THE DUMP — Some people in Managua, Nicaragua, live in the outskirts of the dump and live off of the trash — recycling and reusing what they find.

A FAITH COMMENTARY

Lessons in social justice

Yesterday morning, the sun broke upon picket signs and Spanish chants in the parking lot of the McDonald's. Local residents gathered to support the rights of immigrant agricultural workers and continue the fight for fair treatment of laborers in the food industry. I was there, one of those bleary-eyed, devoted activists pressuring Ronald McDonald to turn his garish grin into a frown of distress over the mistreatment of his laborers.

I was there because of lessons I learned in Central America about the mandates of faith and their economic repercussions. Five years ago, I packed up all the possessions I would need for the next four months in a small backpack, and showed up at the SeaTac airport to embark upon a journey with just over 20 other Whitworth students. I came, expecting to improve my Spanish, learn more of the history of the area, and begin my collection of passport stamps. I had begun to learn about their tradition of liberation theology and had discussed it in both my religion and political science courses. I did not know these four months would make a convert of me and shape the course of my theological education.

Theologies of liberation have, at their center, a concept called "preferential option for the poor," which states that God is always working on behalf of the marginalized within society, to make real a world of greater equity and justice. Birthed out of the pangs of civil war throughout Latin American, I saw God's "preferential option for the poor" made real throughout Central America in a manner I had missed growing up Washington. We walked in the footsteps

of Bishop Juan Gerardi who had been killed for unveiling the horrors of forced disappearances and mass killings among the indigenous peoples. We visited a seminary in Costa Rica that had long been a breeding ground for those pursuing social righteousness for the sake of the gospel. It was there, seeing the spiritual power of those who had taken a prophetic stance in the midst of conflict, that I was convicted of the need for social action on the part of all those who claim Christ. I learned that to live my faith was to side with those who are exploited within my own social system. I discovered what it meant to live a theology of liberation.

Now, as I see my own ordination as minister in the not so distant future, I know that theology is not real and genuine unless it is lived. We can claim to love the poor as Jesus loved the poor, but unless we are willing to work for social policy that addresses their needs, our theology is formless and void. Central America taught me that to honor God, I must participate in creating the world I know God desires. In rectifying injustice, we are helping to realize the reconciliation Christ brings to the entire world.

Many of those farm workers I stood with on that street corner in Louisville were born on the very streets my classmates and I walked five years ago. If I do not support them here, I betray the heroes I met in my four months as a foreigner. In doing so, I abandon the theological convictions I discovered in the mountains of Guatemala. Thanks be to God for that lesson.

Amy Robinson is a '03 alumna of Whitworth.



A PROTEST — Workers protested the use of Nemagon in front of a government building. The pesticide has been known to cause serious health problems.

Chapel lost amongst programming

Jessica Davis
News Editor

The chaplain's office agrees that chapel gets lost amidst other programming.

"There are a lot of people on campus who don't know when chapel is," dean of the Seeley G. Mudd Chapel Terry McGonigal said.

Community members worship every Thursday at 11 a.m. until noon. The chaplain's office is currently looking at ways to amend the chapel schedule.

The scheduling conflicts are reflected in attendance.

An average of three percent, around 60 members of the community, attend chapel weekly. Around 20 are faculty and staff, according to data The Whitworthian gathered over the past two semesters.

The turnout may be because students are involved in local churches.

"If a student chooses one place to worship once a week it will be in their local church," said Ben Brody, assistant professor of music. Brody oversees music in campus worship.

Brody said students are very involved in youth programs and ministry.

McGonigal emphasized that he and president Bill Robinson seek to make Whitworth students into decision makers rather than rule followers by making chapel voluntary.

Associate chaplain Andrea Saccoccio said she does not see attendance as a problem.

"We would rather people come who really desire to be there than have lots of people come who are there because they have to be," Saccoccio said in an e-mail.

Sophomore chapel worship coordinator Kathryn McIvor said she thinks students are too busy.

"Fifty minutes isn't actually a lot of time, but an hour block seems like a lot of time for college students," McIvor said.

McIvor completed a Jan Term study comparing chapel at Whitworth with colleges in the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU).



Nate Chute/Whitworthian

Students, faculty and staff gather to worship in the Seeley G. Mudd Chapel on April 5.

Of 106 colleges and universities, Melvor was able to find information on 90. Of the 90, 68 had mandatory chapel, nine were voluntary and the rest did not specify.

"It's hard to compare programs when so many are mandatory," Melvor said.

Chapel is mandatory at Illinois' Wheaton College.

Chapel at Wheaton meets three times

a week, 40 minutes per day, Wheaton chaplain Stephen Kellough said.

The chaplain's office Web site says the purpose of chapel is worship and building community.

"By having it required it allows us to have a common worship event and that ties us closer as community," Kellough said.

Whitworth's goal is also to come together and worship, McGonigal said. Community at Whitworth is built in a different way than at Wheaton.

"The goal is worshipping God together and as a result we are also building community," Brody said.

Attendance is mandatory at Seattle Pacific University in Seattle, Wash.

SPU students must attend one worship event a week.

SPU senior and chapel coordinator Kerri Kline said

SPU does not require students to be Christian, making it potentially awkward for non-Christians to comply with the policy.

Kline said a former roommate was a non-practicing Jew. Kline's roommate found the mandatory policy

annoying and would often not go. Kline said at the end of the quarter her roommate would lie

about attendance. "She didn't want to lie, but she didn't want to be involved," Kline said.

Kellough agreed it would be awkward for a school with open enrollment to mandate chapel attendance.

Students who attend Wheaton have to describe their faith in their application. Only Christians are admitted, Kellough said.

"That is one of the reasons we can define chapel as worship otherwise we may have a complication by requiring worship if we are not requiring a profession of Christian faith among students," Kellough said.

Kellough said Wheaton seeks to ensure a multi-denominational experience.

"We try to affirm various forms and liturgies and traditions that come out of the various denominations that are represented at the col-

lege," Kellough said.

Like Whitworth, Pacific Lutheran University's (PLU) chapel is voluntary.

PLU's Web site says chapel is meant to include students from all backgrounds.

"You don't have to be Lutheran or Christian to attend, as our services mirror diverse religious expressions," according to PLU's Web site.

Whitworth's worship service seeks to provide a multi-cultural experience, McGonigal said.

"We don't want chapel to be defined by a particular style," Brody said. "By seeking to really include a breadth of music, hopefully that music is welcoming to the rest of campus."

Whitworth's chapel is unusual in that it targets faculty staff and students, McGonigal said.

"That would probably not be the intended audience at most schools," McGonigal said.

Kline said attendance appears up from last year but it has been more of the faculty and staff population.

"I heard from a lot of students that chapel services feel like a lecture," Kline said.

McIvor enjoys the community of faculty, staff and students at chapel.

"These students and professors aren't the same ones that I have classes with every day, and I like getting to experience this different community," McIvor said.

Chapel service structure may see changes

Jessica Davis
News Editor

Chapel services may change significantly in the next few years due to possible campus-wide scheduling changes.

"There is likelihood by fall 2008 we will modify the utilization of time here that will open multiple opportunities for worship at a regular designated hour," dean of the Seeley G. Mudd Chapel Terry McGonigal said. Chapel will remain voluntary.

The college brought in a consultant to examine the efficiency of Whitworth's schedule and space. A report will come out in late April, vice president of academic affairs Michael Le Roy said.

McGonigal said chapel currently gets lost amongst other programming.

"If there were more (and shorter) times, that might allow for greater access to a larger number of people," associate chaplain Andrea Saccoccio said.

In the modified schedule, chapel would meet twice a week for 25 minutes instead of the current schedule of meeting once a week for an 50 minutes.

One day would be dedicated to preaching and some worship and the second would be mostly music and prayer, said Ben Brody, assistant professor of music. Brody oversees music in campus worship.

"I also feel like chapel is an hour block which is the same as a lecture," Brody said. "I'm drawn to the concept of shorter blocks of time a few times a week."

Chapel will be based on Calvin College's model, McGonigal said. Calvin College, a 4-year liberal arts college, is located in Grand Rapids, Mich.

McGonigal said Calvin worships five days a week for 20 minutes and is voluntary.

Brody said every day of the week provides a different style of worship that repeats every week. Whitworth will not adopt Calvin's daily schedule.

"There is a rhythm [at Calvin] that happens each week," Brody said. He would like to see a similar rhythm at Whitworth.

According to the Calvin Web site, the purpose of chapel is, "gathering for singing, testimony, prayer and hearing from God's Word."

This week, both Brody and Saccoccio will begin gathering informal data regarding the look of a modified chapel service. McGonigal said the group wants to provide the President's Cabinet with input.

"We want to make chapel as good as we can for as many people," McGonigal said. "Multiday, shorter chapel format would provide opportunity for a lot more variety."

Small groups build relationships

Candace Pontoni
Staff writer

In the future, the chapel will be exploring ways to make small group scheduling more efficient, a small group coordinator said.

"My vision for the small group program is that we continue doing what we've been doing, but we also change the image," said Matt Halldorson, a second year SGC currently serving in Warren. "People assume that we're theology majors preaching to our congregants. We need to explain that this is a relational ministry, in which we're seeking to grow spiritually through community. We're looking for people with a heart for ministry."

Leaders in the small group program have as much opportunity to grow as members, dean of the Seeley G. Chapel, Terry McGonigal said.

"It's a combination of leadership and learning. We are stretched, and grow as a result of that," McGonigal said. "One of the best parts of the Whitworth experience is the quality of relationships that are built with fellow students. The small group program gives students the opportunity to know others and to be known by others."

The mission of Whitworth's campus ministry program is to create small groups of believers on campus who can study the Bible, worship and pray together and grow relationally and spiritually.

"Jesus focused on a few for the sake of the many, and that's what we do through the small group program," said McGonigal who disciples 12 to 15 small group coordinators with help from the assistant chaplain.

Each small group has a student leader who meets with the SGC in his or her dorm once a week. Each SGC meets with McGonigal and Andrea Saccoccio, the assistant chaplain, every other week.

McGonigal and Saccoccio provide small group leaders with biblical doctrine.

"Terry and I share the role of supporting



Senior Jocelyn Wilson and juniors Vanessa DeJong and Derek Gruen eat frozen yogurt during their D-group meeting at Odiors on April 10.

the SGC's and their efforts to make sure the SGL's have what they need to be able to lead a small group," Saccoccio said. "The SGC role is behind the scenes. We really want to see the SGL lifted up as the person whom students look up to as a leader."

In the same way the chaplains cannot effectively care for the entire campus on their own, SGC's cannot minister to their entire dorms without working through the SGL's.

Senior Josef Bookert, a second year SGC, said a major challenge of his position is not being able to interact with as many people as he would like to.

"Last year, as an SGC in Stewart, I tried to be more in the field and talk to everyone. Now, I've realized that a better idea is to prepare the SGL's to do that," Bookert said.

Junior Benjamin Spaun, a second year SGL who leads a group of five freshmen in Duvall, said he enjoys his responsibility of leading small group members. Spaun's group often focuses on topics brought up by members in addition to the given Bible passage.

"Sometimes we just talk about what happened during the week, especially if someone had a really hard week," Spaun said. "There's times when we don't discuss the passage because of that."

SGL's can choose whether to have a co-ed, single sex or mixed class group.

Spaun, who led an all-male group in Ar-end last year, said single-sex groups have an advantage of not being afraid to discuss certain topics.

"Having a same sex group makes a difference in terms of how close the group members become," Spaun said. "It's easier to talk about things that you wouldn't with the opposite sex."

Amanda Albright, an SGC for Ballard, McMillan and Schumacher Halls views the co-ed factor differently.

"Mac and Ballard students have been good this year about crossing between the dorms. Small groups have fostered and benefited from that," Albright said. "One of our co-ed groups has focused on relationship build-

ing and becoming close friends, and they've done really well getting comfortable and interacting with each other."

The SGL team expects that student attendance in small groups will drop as the year goes on.

"As students' semesters change and they are challenged more, some of them drop out of the small group program," Albright said. "Not every small group is affected. But in February and March, I think more students drop."

Because of a significant loss of members, some groups are not able to stay together.

There were roughly 50 small groups at the start of this year, and while no official count is kept, McGonigal estimates a disbandment rate of about 1 to 2 small groups per dorm.

While it is rare, group disbandment can also be due to the loss of an SGL.

"We try to communicate to SGL's that this isn't just about leading a Bible study. It's also about relational connection," McGonigal said. "It might not be wise for an SGL to pursue so many commitments."

Some groups that lose SGL's have continued to meet without a leader, McGonigal said. But only a few SGL's leave the program each year.

"In Warren, we've had a faithful group," junior Haley Smith, an SGC in Warren, said, speaking of the SGL team. "We have a hard-core group that really does commit, and is still together."

Strength of leadership, Saccoccio said, is valued over the number of leaders.

"I'd rather see a few leaders who lead well than a whole lot of leaders who make people feel uncared for," Saccoccio said.

Many students leave their small groups when they do not initially connect with the other members, Saccoccio said.

"Relationships are hard, and they take intentionality. People get into small groups where they don't like the people, and then quit the process before they're able to receive the benefit of it," Saccoccio said.

Students find alternatives within small groups

Candace Pontoni
Staff writer

A few small groups on campus chose study material independent from that provided by the chapel.

"The chapel's goal is that everyone on campus would be studying the same thing," Albright said. "But sometimes you have a leader who feels like they want to do something else, and so they do."

Jasmine Linabary, a sophomore SGL for Ballard, Schumacher and McMillan, is currently leading a group of nine girls on a study of the fruits of the spirit. The group members prepare as much for

the meetings as Linabary does, Albright said. Each girl is asked to study the material on her own time, and come to the meeting with insights, observations and questions.

"It's nice to be in a group where you can bring in new ideas," Stephanie Augsburg, an exchange student from Switzerland and member of Linabary's group, said. "Each person has a special role, but there's no pressure, so it's not like another class. We do activities together, too."

Linabary's group met through Jan term. While they physically lost one member who went to France for spring semester, the

members are able to hear her input for the study through e-mail.

Some students have formed small groups independent from the chapel.

Senior Jennifer Boyer belonged to both a campus ministry and an independent small group her freshman year.

"Students have the freedom to pursue self-selected topics," Boyer said. "We went through the Sacred Romance by John Eldridge, and we didn't have a leader."

Many SGC's agree they are more concerned with spiritual and relational growth in small groups than with the specific passage or topic studied by each group.

"The primary goal is to provide people with a place where they can have fellowship," Smith said. "We're open to have people studying whatever they want to."

A group of eight freshmen Duvall students, who were all previously involved in campus ministry small groups, meet weekly to worship, pray and discuss the Bible.

"We don't have a chosen leader," sophomore Daniel Herve, a group member, said. "Each meeting is an open discussion."

In their current group, relationships are built outside of group time through one-on-ones. Each member meets privately with one other person in the small group

once every week.

"We didn't get to know the people in our other small groups," Herve said. "There was no opportunity to know each other outside of the group meeting."

The group members originally decided to form a small group after they met at the Weekend retreat and realized they shared commonalities beyond their residence in Duvall.

"We're a random bunch of people who gravitated toward each other and are now able to openly talk about God," freshman Kari Lanham said. "But it took a good dedication of time to get to that point."

Students opt to form separate Bible studies

Katie Prigden
Staff writer

Despite the readily-available fellowship times and small group Bible studies Whitworth offers, many students, for various reasons, opt to form their own groups for study and worship.

Some of these groups, like the off-campus Bible study senior Ryan Niemeyer currently attends, began as campus-sponsored small groups during students' freshman year.

"A lot of freshman groups in small groups continue as sophomores," said Terry McGonigal dean of the Seeley G. Mudd Chapel.

Niemeyer's group started as a group of eight guys in Baldwin-Jenkins three years ago. Led by then-senior Joel Templin, the group formed a tight bond that has continued throughout their college years. Though several members have joined and several have left, the core group remains the same. Even Templin still attends.

Niemeyer said this Bible study has been of huge importance to him.

"It's been critical to the health of my spiritual life," Niemeyer said. "I came here and I was a pretty young Christian, so it was important to have a leader to offer wisdom and council."

After their first year, the Bible study stopped being an official small group and branched out into different topics that interested them. Last year, they focused on verses and passages dealing with prayer. This year, they are working their way through Romans.

As many of the group's members moved off-campus, actually finding a time to meet became a challenge.

"The biggest difficulty is living away from each other," Niemeyer said. "We want to spend time together, but it's difficult."

McGonigal believes one of the strongest assets to off-campus Bible studies is how they keep off-campus students connected with the Whitworth community.

"I hear over and over again that [off-campus students] are surprised by the differences in the sense of community," McGonigal said. "They often come to me to help deal with the issue of isolation, so I'm thrilled that students are involved in these groups off-campus."

While several members of the Open Door theme house lead individual Bible studies, the real focus of the house is prayer. In addition to having a prayer room that is always open to Whitworth students, the Open Door theme house hosts a prayer time each Sunday night at nine. The group met for prayer for several years in the dorms before moving their mission to a theme house this year.

The time often involves reading and discussing Scripture, singing and sharing with one another.

"Because it's only focused on prayer, we can follow wherever the Spirit leads," senior and theme house resident Mary Trotter said.

Freshman Scarlet Ponder regularly attends this prayer time.

"It's a good way to start the week out with prayer," Ponder said. Living in Stewart, Ponder has often found it difficult to find a quiet place in the dorm, and found that the prayer time at the Open Door theme house helped fit that need.

"That's a place I can go to have quiet time with God," Ponder said.

Because the Whitworth campus does not have a specific place set aside for students to pray, Trotter feels like the house's prayer time and prayer room offer something important to the campus.

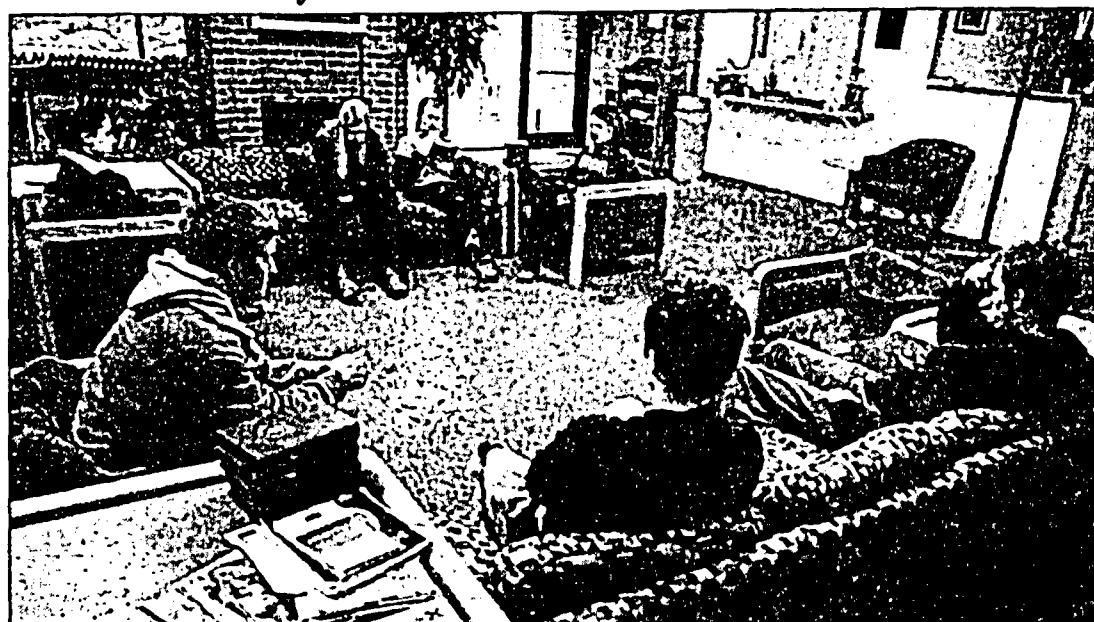
"Judging from the use of our prayer room, there's a need for places to pray on campus," Trotter said.

Freshmen Jordan Michelson and David Kuraya felt it was important to start the week off with God, which prompted them to start a worship time in Warren Hall on Sunday evenings. The two lead a series of worship songs in the Warren lounge as a time of fellowship, and freshman Kevin Weiser will often share a devotional thought.

"Sunday night is a calm night before the start of the new week, and it felt like the right time to set aside an hour and spend some time in worship," Michelson said.

McGonigal said he is pleased to see students coming together and worshipping God, but offered a few words of caution.

"A lot of whether or not you get to the finish line is how you start," McGonigal said. "There's a difference between hanging out and the intentional structure of a small group."



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A group of students who attended Tall Timber meet for Matins prayer on April 9 in the early morning.

Community lifts up prayer

Colin Storm
Sports Editor

A routine that started during this past Jan Term trip to Tall Timber has stuck for senior Keith Petersen.

Petersen, a music major, considers matins one of the most important parts of his day.

"It's a morning prayer service," Petersen said. "The beauty of it is that it's corporate prayer which is a good way to open your day."

Matins is the first prayer of the day in a monastic-style of living, one that Petersen and his classmates experienced in the Christian Spirituality class led by Jerry Sittser, professor of theology and philosophy.

Upon return from Tall Timber, the class decided they wanted to continue the practice every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 a.m.

"We try and do it on some sort of consistent basis," Petersen said. "We learned the value of starting your day off in prayer."

Almost the entire group of 20 met every time, but after a few weeks the turnout started to fade.

"We open with a psalm and after psalm we open in prayer," Petersen said. After that, the group will either spend the remaining time in complete silence praying to themselves or will pray out loud.

The fifteen minute morning prayer is open to all students, but has not yet been advertised.

"People have heard through word of mouth, but we haven't sent a campus-wide e-mail yet," Petersen said.

There are other opportunities to engage in prayer around Whitworth as well. Last fall dean of the Seeley G. Mudd Chapel Terry McGonigal and vice president of student life Kathy Storm teamed up to start a prayer support link on the Whitworth Web site. Coordinator of ministry & multicultural affairs Stephy Noble-Beans and program assistant for the theology department Toni Sutherland also took roles in setting up the specifics.

"For years we would get random prayer requests from students, faculty, staff and people related to Whitworth," McGonigal said. "I would always pray for every person we got a request from."

But with prayer requests being directed to a number of different faculty and staff members on campus, the Prayer Support link was set up to have one central place to go.

"There was an online list through Student Life

PRAYER SUPPORT LINK

Community prayer requests can be made on the current students link in the campus intranet links menu. To make requests, contact Stephanie Nobles-Beans at x4568. Check out the link:

► <http://web2/Administration/Chaplain/PrayerSupport/Index.htm>

set up by assistant director of conferences & special events Stephanie Halton for people who had family friends serving overseas," Sutherland said. "It started post-9/11 and was used as a model."

Every week Sutherland sends out one e-mail highlighting the way to find the Prayer Support link, along with an advertisement for Hosanna and who will be speaking at Chapel. These events are combined into one e-mail because Sutherland admitted she knows Whitworth students are being bombarded with e-mails.

But these are just two opportunities of many on campus.

"[The Prayer Support link] is one small piece of a much larger effort that is going on here," McGonigal said, citing the Tall Timber matins prayer and the weekly Friday night prayer meeting sophomore Ryan Tuck led.

McGonigal thinks that compared to other Christian schools, Whitworth has just as many opportunities to seek prayer support. The one thing he noticed about some schools, such as Azusa Pacific University, is that they have a designated prayer Chapel.

"It seats maybe eight to 10 people. There have been students [at Whitworth] that have asked for a designated space," McGonigal said, "but it comes down to cost, priority and other factors."

But Whitworth still provides plenty of chances to find your niche, according to Petersen.

"If you're seeking prayer out, you will find incredible depth from it," Petersen said. "There are so many opportunities to get involved."

Prayer is one of the most essential aspects of Christian life, McGonigal said.

"I feel so strongly about [prayer]," McGonigal said. "The more time people spend devoted to it, individual or community, I want to celebrate it."

Athletes express their faith



Members of the '06 track team pray before a practice last year.

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Teams explore facets of ministry within athletic competition

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Regardless of faith background, the majority of Whitworth varsity athletes recognize a relatively smooth blending of faith and athletics within their sport.

Most coaches incorporate faith everyday into competition. Coaching philosophies, organization of the sport and athlete adaptability affect how faith is manifested through competition.

Toby Schwarz, head coach of both the track and field and cross country teams, believes faith and athletics easily overlap.

"You can take anything athletic and tie it into the Christian walk," Schwarz said. "I look at faith as a ministry. I see coaching as a ministry."

Schwarz said he has four goals for his athletes to focus their personal growth: Athletic, academic, social and spiritual.

"Not one is more important than the other," Schwarz said.

Schwarz tries to help his athletes achieve growth through team support and empowerment.

"We pray before races. We circle up and put our arms around each other," Schwarz said.

Women's basketball coach Helen Higgs said she tries to seamlessly incorporate faith into her team structure.

"I try to just make it natural," Higgs said. "It becomes habit. It becomes a way of life."

Not all Higgs's players have a faith background. She focuses on making them comfortable with how faith is expressed.

"I want them all to feel comfortable and welcome, but I want them to see faith in a natural, active way," Higgs said.

Despite her efforts Higgs said players

can initially feel uncomfortable combining faith and sports.

"You find out pretty quick who doesn't have a faith background," Higgs said.

Higgs tries to make players comfortable by maintaining a dialogue.

Higgs believes her efforts to combine faith and athletics are successful. In church she has automatically followed her prayers with the season's slogan.

"I'll say 'Amen' and just automatically say 'Easy doesn't do it,'" Higgs said.

Higgs said she tells incoming athletes to expect faith and athletics to be interwoven to some degree.

"Regardless of where you are in your faith or your faith belief you have to realize that you're coming from a faith-based college," Higgs said.

Many teams choose optional, student-led Bible studies. Higgs said it can help bond players but coaches intentionally stay removed from the group so athletes do not feel pressured to participate.

Senior Jon Erlenmeyer is involved in the football team's student-led Bible study. Players refer to the group as the football Bible study or FBBS.

"We put [Bible study] out there if people want to come. There are some older guys who started it and it's still going," Erlenmeyer said. "It's nice to know I have some Christian brothers on the team."

Senior Andrew Zugner is a member of FBBS member.

"The whole idea of our Bible study is being there for one another, like a brotherhood, and thinking of ways that we can be stewards of God both on and off the field," Zugner said. "We do not limit this to a set group, rather we try to get as many of our teammates there and on numerous occasions have announced when and where we

are meeting after practice."

Members of the football team, both players and coaches, meet before each game to recite the Lord's Prayer.

Zugner enjoys praying as a team.

"I find it comforting in that we say the Lord's Prayer before every game," Zugner said. "I feel the Lord has blessed us in our abilities and this is a way in which we can thank the Lord for that each week."

In addition, Zugner chooses to apply his faith in a more personal way.

"Some of my teammates and myself will pray individually or with some fellow teammates for guidance, the ability to do our best and for the safety of all of those involved," Zugner said.

Senior Cam Collings said he recognizes the difference in meaning for athletes reciting the Lord's Prayer prior to games.

"I think for some it is heartfelt and meaningful. It's an opportunity for us as to be reminded of God's place and where football stands in relation to Him, and to thank Him for the opportunity we have that day," Collings said. "For some, it is just reciting words that have little meaning."

Collings said the decision to pray is up to each individual.

"Some pray because the team prays. Some choose not to pray at all," Collings said. "Prayers between two brothers in Christ, two followers were more meaningful to me and to God, too, I think because they were real and not just recited."

Schwarz and Higgs said each coach has a different way of expressing their faith and incorporating it into their team.

"Every coach on this campus is a Christian no doubt about it, but we all come from different faith perspectives and we all come from different coaching backgrounds," Schwarz said.

Male culinary skills at crux of ministry

Calli Strellnauer
Staff writer

At the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) theme house, community building is marked by male culinary skills.

Every Thursday night seniors Jeff Grassley, Michael Tucker, Brandon Zimmerman, junior Bryan Jones and sophomore Chris Baldwin cook dinner for up to 40 students.

Thursday night meetings usually consist of dinner, worship and small group Bible study. The FCA house is geared towards athletes, but the guys create a welcome, inviting atmosphere to everyone on campus.

Tucker said the benefits of weekly meeting include closer relationships with people across campus.

"Athletes compete against each other constantly and this provides them with opportunity to just get to know each other better and unify," Tucker said.

Group members have formed lasting relationships. Tucker said relationships go deeper than just recognizing and chatting with each other. The Bible study, atmosphere and fellowship from the groups provide a sense of closeness among members.

"Our relationships are focused on each other rather than getting things done," Tucker said.

The ministry and community focus of the theme house is reflected by the FCA mission statement. The FCA's Bible says FCA's mission is "to present to athletes and coaches, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church."

Track and field and cross country coach Toby Schwarz has been involved in the theme house's ministry.

Members share a monthly meal with Schwarz. Often Schwarz opens the meeting while house occupants initiate and plan events.

House members are proud of their commitment to giving back to the Whitworth community. Student involvement can be seen in the 25-30 regulars who attend weekly.

"It's a whole different momentum. You come because you want to, not because you have to," Tucker said.

The house and fellowship have had such an impact that a group of female athletes has applied to live in the house next year.



Students worship at Hosanna on March 6 in the Seeley G. Mudd Chapel.

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Worship stretches the box

Hosanna allows break from chaos of college

Dani King
Staff writer

Whitworth's on-campus worship group, Hosanna, offers the opportunity for students to worship in unique ways every Tuesday evening in the Seeley G. Mudd Chapel. Hosanna is an interactive worship experience that allows students to take a break from the chaos of college and refocus their spirituality.

This year's student-led leadership team strived to make Hosanna different from a typical contemporary worship experience.

"We want to push students past the stereotypical Hosanna. We want people to get outside the box, not to get stuck in a routine," co-leader and senior Keith Petersen said.

Senior and co-leader Katie Stewart said she and Petersen try to do studies that are more interactive and get students involved and engaged in worship.

A variety of music styles and approaches to worship makes Hosanna unique. Hosanna experiments with different themes each night such as Jubilation, Gospel, Hymn or a contemplative style.

Many students appreciate the diversity of Hosanna's music.

"You can expect every night to be different. Hosanna makes you get out of your comfort zone," said sophomore Kimberly Stokesbary, a regular attendee of Hosanna.

Freshman Laura Smith said she was especially stretched one evening in terms of her engagement in worship. Students divided into smaller groups and were encouraged to choreograph a dance to lyrics of a worship song.

For many students, the idea of dancing during worship seems uncomfortable or embarrassing, especially for students who have grown up in a "frozen-chosen" style of Presbyterian worship.

"My definition of worship has been expanded. Hosanna stretches what you're comfortable with and makes worship feel real and alive," Stokesbary said.

This year's Hosanna leadership team puts forth extensive effort to make each Tuesday night a calm and prayerful rejuvenation for both the students who attend as well as the leaders themselves. The team arrives early at the chapel to pray together, rehearse and put careful consideration into selecting songs and song order.

Petersen has wanted to be a part of Hosanna before he started attending Whitworth.

"I made a phone call senior year of high school and was instantly drawn to Hosanna and the idea of a college worship night. I wanted to jump right in," Petersen said.

Petersen said he and Stewart have worked well together this year as a team.

"We balance out the responsibility and try to play off of each other's strengths," Stewart said.

The purpose of Hosanna has largely been to provide a place for stressed-out students to take a break and focus on their spiritual life.

"A lot of times Hosanna is an opportunity for students to take a pause in their week. Many people

are craving a chance to just stop and refocus," Petersen

Stokesbary is an example of one of those students.

"I come and leave everything behind so that I can refocus," Stokesbary said. "I love the fact that student's know [Hosanna] is optional and that it's totally student led by upperclassmen."

Smith said she loves going to Hosanna with friends to take a break from stress.

"Proclaiming the truth of God never gets old. It is a chance to speak new life over our hearts and the hearts of those who attend," said Petersen.

Students can experience Hosanna every Tuesday at 9:45 p.m. in the Chapel.

—Joy Bacon contributed to this report.

Young Life learns leadership lessons

Tim Takechi
Staff writer

As leaders of Young Life, a Christian ministry that reaches out to middle and high school students, several Whitworth students learned that becoming a spiritual leader is a long and drawn-out process.

Sophomore Tovah Kingman works for Wyldlife, the Young Life ministry that reaches out to middle school students. The first lesson she said she learned was one of the most challenging.

"I've learned to step outside of my comfort zone," Kingman said. "It can be intimidating to walk into a middle school and want to reach out to the kids but you don't know exactly how."

Kingman said she found it difficult at first to step into an environment where she was a complete stranger. Once she established a set of relationships with her group of girls, ministry became easier.

Although college students are not that far removed from high school, Young Life leaders quickly learn today's students are going through different experiences than they did, sophomore Brooke Riehl said.

Riehl leads a Bible study for about 10 girls at Mead High School. She said high schools are continuously changing from year to year.

"I think it's sad to go into a high school today to see how quickly their innocence is stripped away," Riehl said.

She said it saddens her to see the multitude of social problems students are faced with and how they are unable to cope with them. Too often students go to their peers for guidance instead of authority figures, which is an issue Young Life leaders try to deal with, Riehl said.

"Today, kids have enough friends and not enough leaders," Riehl said.

Upon learning the truth of the spiritual and social issues students battle, Young Life leaders have to find the best way to mentor their students.

As many of them find out, all they have to do is go back to what Jesus did during his life.

Sophomore Matt Monahan leads a group of students at Mt. Spokane High School. He said leading by example is the best way to exemplify Christ's teachings. A challenging aspect to this is living a spiritually consistent life during Young Life meetings and away from them.

"I have to live the same way around kids as I do my everyday life, otherwise I'm just putting on another face," Monahan said. "If you aren't living Christ out in your everyday life, it's hard to expect the kids that you are working with to understand what it actually means to follow Christ."

Kingman agrees she had to put her own spiritual life under a microscope in order to teach her girls what it means to be a Christian.

"I have a responsibility to the kids and to be aware of my actions and words," Kingman said.

She said there is a challenge when leading by ex-

ample. Young Life leaders need to reflect Jesus' example and not their own.

"I hope by showing a commitment to Young Life, that would be representative of my faith and what I stand for instead of who I am," Kingman said.

Junior Graham Monteleone, a leader at North Central High School for the past two years, said being a leader motivates him to continuously improve his own spirituality.

"As a leader you're called to a higher standard," Monteleone said. "[Being in Young Life] pushes me to be more disciplined in prayer, knowing the Bible and being in a small group."

Monteleone said when his students approach him for spiritual guidance, a solid foundation of Biblical knowledge is imperative. If one of his guys asks for advice and he does not know which Bible verse to point him to, Monteleone said he feels he has let down his group.

"I just try to get out there and live a Christ-like life," Monteleone said.



Whitworth rooted in Christian heritage

Rosa Gibbons
Staff writer

Whitworth College's mission statement was only created about fifteen years ago, but threads of the "mind and heart" run deep in Whitworth's history.

When Whitworth published its first catalog in 1891, a section labeled "The Design of the Institution" expressed the college's desire to direct students "in the pursuit of that learning and culture of the heart and mind that make up the finished scholar." In the 1904-05 catalog, this section was removed, and replaced by the much longer sections "The Object" and "Scholastic," describing the general and academic goals of the college.

The term "mission statement" did not make its way into a Whitworth catalog until the 1991-93 edition, though the 1983-84 catalog contained a paragraph headed "Our Mission."

The "mind and heart" slogan that today's Whitworth students are so familiar with did not make another appearance until the 1993-95 catalog, although the inside cover of the 1983-84 catalog stated that "at Whitworth, education truly is ... a venture of Mind and Spirit." Similar wording was repeated in the 1991-93 mission statement, which said "Whitworth's mission is to provide [...] an education of the spirit and the heart."

Throughout Whitworth's history, the importance of the spiritual atmosphere on campus has been reflected in the yearly catalogs. The 1957-59 catalog said the spiritual objective of the college was to "enable the individual to come into a vital relationship with God through Jesus Christ and to foster development of mature Christian character."

In 1985-87, Whitworth's catalog said, "The primary mission of Whitworth College is to glorify God by providing its students with an educational experience [...] oriented by a world view shaped by Scripture."

It also said Whitworth "strives to achieve its educational goals by providing a faculty of scholars committed to Jesus Christ."

Executive assistant to the president Dale Soden said the fundamental mission of Whitworth has remained the same throughout its history. He said over the years, the catalogs have sought to put the mission in new, refreshing language.

"It's like worship - like when a church changes words," Soden said. "It breaks routine."

Though founded under the Presbyterian Church, the college stated in its first catalog that "it does not aim to be sectarian, opening its doors to all lovers of truth and learning."

Later catalogs continued this emphasis on the ability of students to express varying beliefs. In 1920 it said, "The avowed object of the college, and the inspiration of all its ideals is not sectarian, but a liberal education under the most helpful Christian influences."

In the same manner, the 1985-87 catalog stated the college's commitment to "open dialogue," and the 2005-07 catalog promotes "rigorous, open intellectual inquiry."

Mission statements are a relatively recent phenomena.

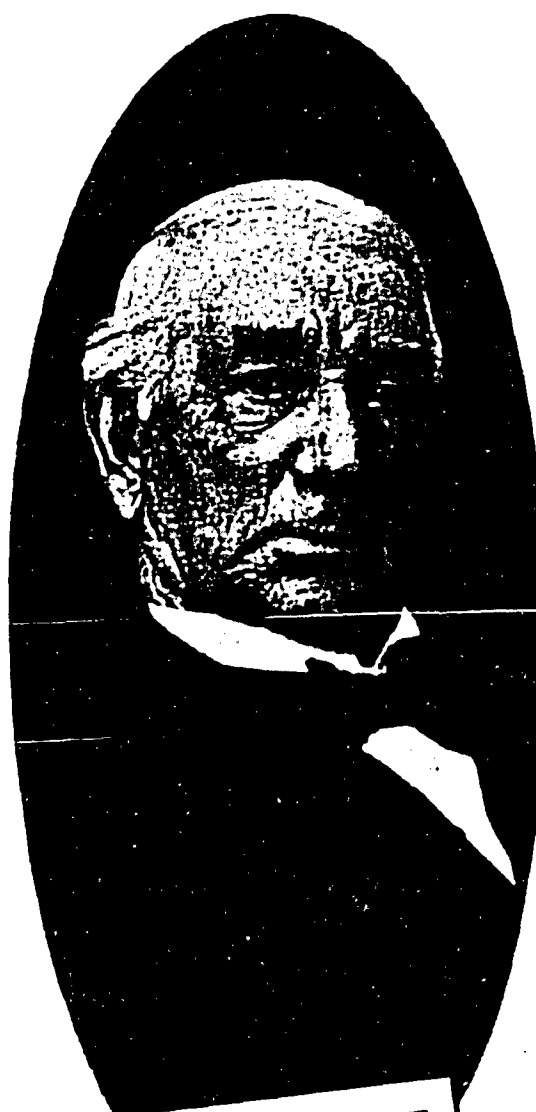
Institutions did not start using the term "mission statement" until about the 1980s. However, similar statements labeled as "The Object" or "The Purpose" of the college appeared in previous Whitworth catalogs.

The 2005-07 catalog printed this mission statement: "Whitworth's mission is to provide its diverse student body with an education of the mind and the heart, equipping its graduates to honor God, follow Christ, and serve humanity. The mission is carried out by a community of Christian scholars committed to rigorous, open intellectual inquiry and to the integration of faith and learning."

WHITWORTH MISSION AND HISTORY

Mission Statement

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George Whitworth

Whitworth's founder George Whitworth was the first Presbyterian minister-missionary to serve in Western Washington, as well as the first north of the Columbia River. Here's a brief history of his life and the origins of Whitworth College:

1844 Attended New Albany (Indiana) Theological Seminary.

1848 Ordained by the New Albany Presbytery.

1852 Appointed to be a missionary in Puget Sound.

1852 Wrote, "It should be a settled principle, that no child or youth, connected with the colony, shall ever be permitted to grow up without the benefit of a good English education, and a thorough religious training."

1865-66, 1874-1876: Became President of Washington Territorial University (UW).

1883 Founded Sumner Academy.

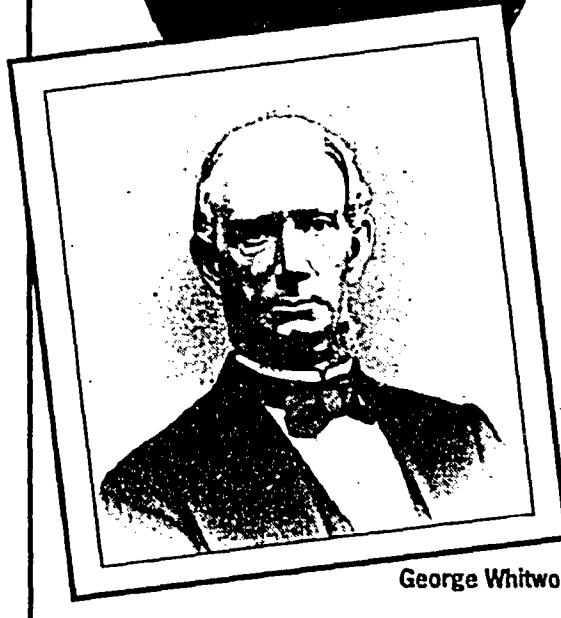
1890 Feb. 19: Sumner Academy became Whitworth College.

Feb. 20: Trustees signed "Articles of Incorporation of Whitworth College of Sumner."

First catalog said Whitworth was committed to "guarding well the moral and religious life of the students, ever directing them in the pursuit of that learning and culture of heart and mind that make the finished scholar."

"It is intended to give both sexes a thorough course of education equal to that of our best Eastern colleges, guarding well the moral and religious life of the students, ever directing them in pursuit of that learning and culture of mind and heart that make the finished scholar. This institution is well fitted for this, being under the control and direction of the Presbyterian Church. While it is denominational, it does not aim to be sectarian, opening its doors to all lovers of truth and learning."

1907 October 6: George Whitworth died in Seattle.



George Whitworth

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Spirituality used, not forced, in Health Center

Nichole Belts
Staff Writer

Senior Katie Troxell shows God's love by listening and offering advice to students.

"I witness through the love and caring of each young lady or young man that comes to my door," Troxell said.

Before the school year began, weekly meetings with lead medics and Jan Murray, health center director, reinforced the need for God's presence.

"[In the health care field] you have to have a foundation and some sort of spirituality to be a successful and passionate provider of health care," Murray said.

Each medic wrote his or her own vision statement, Murray said. Bible verses or quotes describe how medics see their faith lived out in their work.

"I think the medics are the best example of servant leadership," Murray said. Medics often meet with people they do not know well who are in pain.

Not all medics have been Christians, Murray said, but all have a passion for healing and compassion for others.

Accepting students, no matter where they are coming from, is important in health care, Murray said. Staff promise to treat patients equally, regardless of beliefs.

Murray said it is not appropriate for medics, or anyone in the health care field, to press their own values on others.

"I would never suggest prayer – neither would my staff – but I would pray with a student if they asked me to," Murray said. "We try to get where the person's coming from."

The Counseling Center staff has deep spirituality and have been raised in the church, Janelle Thayer, director of counseling services, said.

Thayer said spirituality is important in counseling because a person cannot be as helpful to others if they do not respect the human condition.

"Soulful people are much more empathetic than people who are not

connected to their spiritual center," Thayer said. "Much of effective counseling is merely being present with another person in his or her pain."

Thayer said knowing about Christianity and a counselor's own spirituality helps counselors more accurately reflect an understanding of student concerns as many Whitworth students were raised in church.

Counselors are trained to remain neutral about anything that could get in the way of hearing the client's story, Thayer said.

"Few students come in asking for spiritual guidance, but some do come in wanting some help handling zealous students who want to convert them," Thayer said.

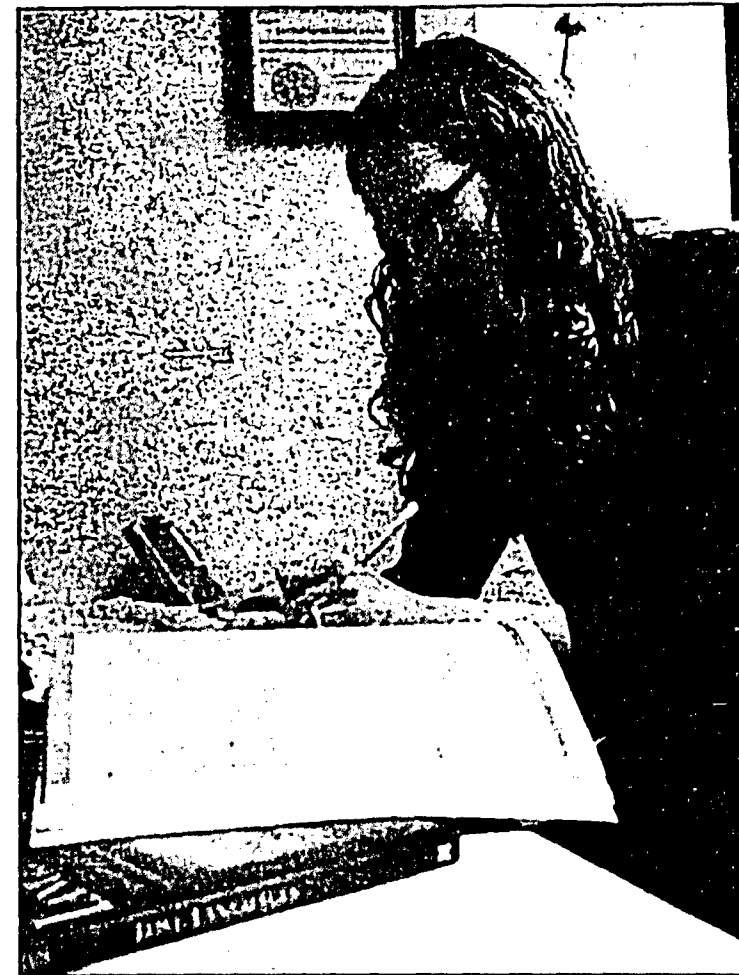
Thayer said she refers students to the chapel or members of the religion department for questions regarding student spirituality and faith.

Thayer acknowledges not everyone on campus is a Christian.

"Counselors hope that students understand that we will only address the issues of faith that each student brings up in session," Thayer said. "Counseling is, hopefully, a spiritual experience in the sense that students feel emotionally cared for, heard and encouraged."

"Much of effective counseling is merely being present with another person in his or her pain."

Janelle Thayer,
Director of Counseling
Services



Li Bowie/Whitworthian

Counseling intern Susan Edgerly writes in a book that is designed to prepare Christian couples for marriage.

Big Three influenced by spiritual founding

Kelly McChrills
Staff writer

The Big Three. Some abuse it, others overuse it, and some even excuse it. But what is the motivation for the use of it?

Since the construction of Whitworth there have always been "official rules" governing Whitworth community. From not allowing the now common-place card playing and dancing activities on campus, to the restrictions on cohabitation and alcohol, the intentions of the school have always been questioned and advocated – either for or against – by the students.

The Big Three has come from obvious spiritual background, but what about the social implications? Today's society is much different than that of George Whitworth's in 1883. Since then, the board has adapted socially with the times while keeping the founder's spiritual values.

Those who now head student administration do so in a balance of the two.

"I think it's both, because the people who first developed the Big Three did so with the knowledge that we have some students are more likely to focus on the spiritual applications and others who are more concerned with the social advantages," said associate dean of students Richard Mandeville.

The Whitworth policy towards student freedom stems from the desire that "Christian" applications will promote a healthy lifestyle.

"And the more I considered Christianity, the more I found that while I had established rule and order, the chief aim of that order was to give room for good things to run wild." This quote on Mandeville's door is by 19th Century Theologian G.K. Chesterton.

Sound familiar? If not, those students not inclined to accept the same religious implications Whitworth applies to their standards of on-campus living, are offered a different approach by the College: the social advantage.

Vice president of student life Kathy Storm included this social advantage through educational terms. The community living out and supporting "[Whit-

worth's] educational aim – that is, to continue learning, even outside the formal classroom," Storm said.

In a 1969 editorial in The Whitworthian, frustrated students voiced in a unison of necessity, "Why does our parent away from home have to be so legalistic? Can't we as Christians be justified by faith rather than the law? An institution must make laws in order to preserve itself, but couldn't it rely on the students to make their own laws to preserve themselves?"

This has been attempted on several occasions including the formation of Whitworth's own ASWC. The overall adhesive between students abiding to these rules and escaping into a totally separate, anti-establishment anarchy state is a balancing act: Allowing the students freedoms within boundaries.

Diana Painter/Whitworthian

Storm claims this balance promotes "healthy community living."

But not all students abide by the Big Three, as is apparent since some have been caught breaking them this past year. Student leaders are not too concerned though.

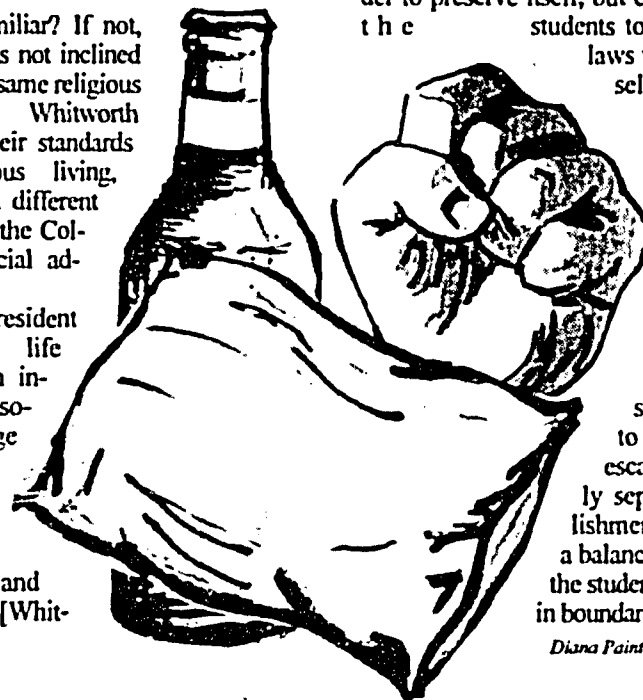
In an interview with The Whitworthian earlier this year, B.J. representative Corey Newman said his students for the most part were "respectful of the rules."

"We [Duvall] don't really have a big problem at all, but there have been some instances," Duvall resident assistant Kyle Pflug said. "I'd say we were pretty much middle ground."

Pflug could not say much more than that because of FERPA regulations, but he was confident in his statement and furthermore stated that he lived with "good kids."

The essential system laid down under President Lindaman's reign still objects to cohabitation, alcohol (now including all illegal drugs) and violence on campus.

Each is loosely fitted to suit the open-ended circumstances to which the administration applies discipline and, for now, students either idly stand by, move off-campus, or break the rules and risk the chance of being caught. The consequences, according to both Mandeville and Storm, result in both a disciplinary sense and an educational or therapeutic one.



Grant used to explore vocations

Hannah Whitsel
Staff writer

Whitworth College students have a chance to explore their future thanks to a grant Whitworth was given.

Whitworth received a grant from the Lilly Foundation in 2001 which it used to plan, initiate and fund a project on vocation and calling.

The five year grant was in the amount of \$2 million and began in January 2001.

"We wrote the request for the grant in the summer of 2000 and submitted it in the fall. The grant began at the beginning of 2001," Terry McGonigal, dean of the Seeley G. Mudd Chapel, said.

The program's aim has been to give students a stronger sense of direction in their career choice.

According to the annual Whitworth report, "The primary aim continues to be the integration of vocational reflection broadly and deeply across the Whitworth campus."

The Lilly Foundation came to Whitworth with a proposal to meet a need they had seen at Christian colleges in particular.

"Lilly gave us a grant to fill what we, as well as a number of other colleges, had recognized as a deficit in a sense of calling," McGonigal said.

McGonigal and executive assistant to the president Dale Soden are heading up a project, now in its sixth year, to help students find a career by connecting their strengths with a sense of calling.

"What we've discovered is conversations about vocation among students have more depth, even if they don't realize that the program came from the Lilly grant," McGonigal said.

Whitworth has used the money from the grant to integrate career choices with vocational

LILLY FUND

Lilly Grant funding sponsors student programs such as living communities or theme houses, mentoring groups, ministry programs, internships and scholarships, including the Weyerhaeuser Younger Scholar Program.

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skills.

"We wanted students to connect their career choices with who they are and the choices they make," Soden said. "We believe that a large cause of dissatisfaction with their career choice is their failure to ask those kinds of questions."

Whitworth has also received additional funding to sustain the programs it implemented for an additional three years, McGonigal said.

"Grant directors aim to ensure that once the grant is over, the major initiatives of the Lilly grant are fully supported by the key administrative officers of the institution and that key personnel and program monies are incorporated into the regular operating budget of the college," McGonigal said.

Soden said he hopes the initiative will lead students to ask more questions about their calling.

"We want students to ask the question: 'Is there anything about being a Christian that shapes my philosophy of life?'" Soden said.

The money from the grant has been used to hire several new faculty members including associate professor of theology and philosophy Karin Heller.

Whitworth also ran a workshop titled "Vocation of the Christian Professor" in the sum-

mer of 2006.

"Our hope is that as reflection takes place in class, in mentoring relationships, in service-learning experiences, on internships that the following questions might be helpful ways of thinking about this topic," according to Theological Reflection on Vocation at Whitworth College.

Whitworth also received a \$1 million grant from the Murdock Foundation in 2000 called "Lives of Commitment," which has been used to add the service learning aspect to the curriculum.

"The annual Murdock Leadership Forum, held in November and attended by associate chaplain Andrea Saccoccio, invited leaders ... to reflect on their responsibility to raise up the next generation of leaders for our society and the world," according to the 2007 annual report to the Lilly Foundation.

The grant has allowed a number of students to explore aspects of vocation applicable to their respective career choices.

"There is a certain aspect of discerning a calling that requires you to actually try a vocation on for size and then observe how you react to different situations and how you use (or don't use) your gifts and talents," sophomore Kathryn Melvor wrote in the 2007 report to Lilly.

Melvor said one of the neat things about this internship is she also learned how the callings of this vocation are more extensive than she realized.

Alumna ('05) graduate Allison Cleaveland wrote in the report, "Throughout my readings and gleanings of quotes, I gained a broader sense of my calling to be a peace-maker ... It opened my eyes to the ways of myriads of others before me who have sought to be good stewards of their gifts and passions to serve others and bring glory to God."

A FAITH COMMENTARY

God's love and grace know no boundaries

I love being at a school where I am invited to talk about my faith. And I love being at a school where I can be honest. What I don't love is that I have a very short time to jot down some thoughts. Here they are.

My close friends would not be surprised to hear me describe my life of faith as paradoxical. My faith has grown wider, and it has become narrower. Little has changed, and much has changed. I have become more confident, and I have become less confident.

Christ knelt before his disciples with a basin and a towel. Then he went to the cross.

I am convinced that all paths to God go through Christ's death and resurrection, and that conviction compels me to take up the basin. These astonishing acts of the Suffering Servant establish my faith and demolish my pride.

Little has changed, much has changed

At the core of my faith, I claim Christ as my Savior. As I have gotten older, that hasn't changed. But I have experienced a deepening sense of Christ my Redeemer. And I have learned he longs to redeem more than

my soul; he has used what I have been smart enough to relinquish, whether broken or whole. I am stupid if I settle for redemption in only part of my life; and I am disobedient if I ignore his desire to redeem all of creation.

More confident, less confident

I am more confident than ever in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I am less confident than ever that I have God all figured out. I have no room to boast, no room to judge. What I do have is God's truth revealed and God's grace bestowed. Truth and grace. That's the best I can have. That is the best I can give.

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BILL ROBINSON
president

Wider and narrower

Everything about the family in which I grew up revolved around the Christian faith. For example, when Bonnie and I got married, my parents were teachers at a Christian college, and my three siblings lived in Africa, Asia and South America, all doing missions work. I was pretty much born to be a Christian and a White Sox fan.

Because I felt very secure in my faith in Christ, I found myself drawn to Christians and non-Christians who saw life and faith differently than I did. In those relationships, I realized that God's love and grace extended well beyond those who agreed with me on all matters theological.

I widened in coming to believe that God has a bigger family than I thought. But while my view of God's Kingdom broadened, the essence of my faith narrowed. Much of my theology found its way to the cross and the basin.

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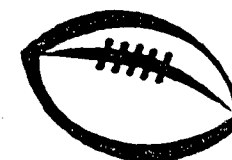
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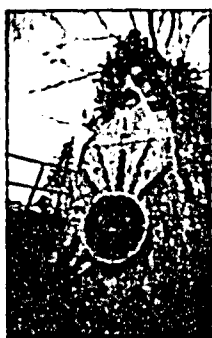
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Exploring Faith

An tour through spiritual symbols on the Whitworth campus

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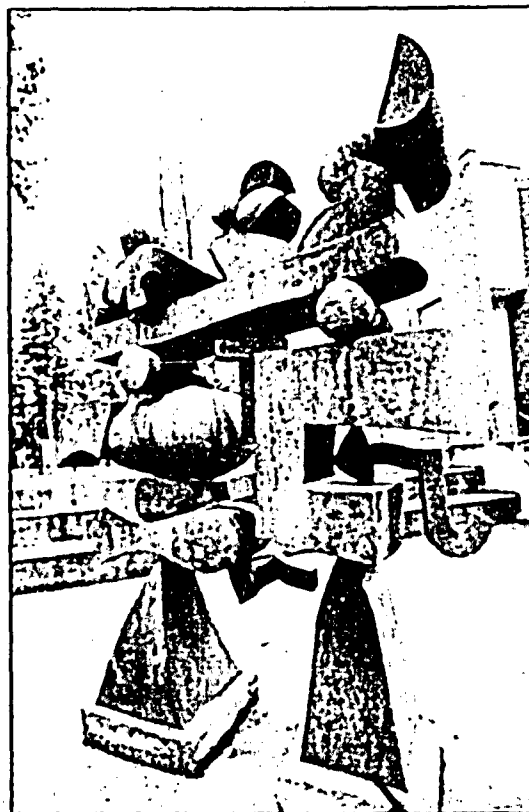
Beyond Statue – Various artists (Gardens and Sculpture)
The courtyard features sculptures by Harold Balazs and other notable artists. It was turned into a garden and sculpture park thanks to English professor Leonard Oakland's work.



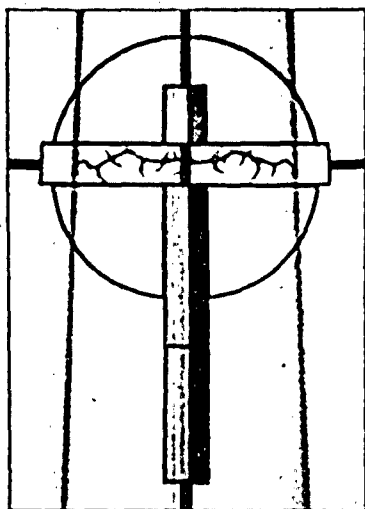
Athletic Field Sculpture – Eric Holt (Victory)
The statue that stands behind Graves Gym was donated as the Class of 2000 gift by Portland artist Eric Holt.



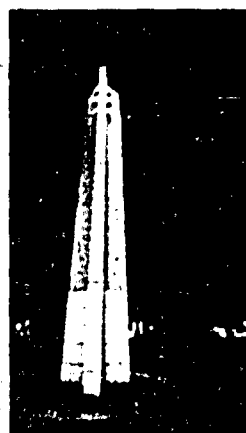
Library – Harold Balazs (Untitled)
The corten steel and stone abstract sculpture created by Spokane's most prolific artist, could be interpreted as "community" because there are many pieces that comprise the sculpture, all dependent on each other.



Stained Glass Window in HUB – Walter "Spike" Grosvenor (Glory of God)
Grosvenor, a 1963 graduate of Whitworth, had his work dedicated in 1999, all of which was funded by the Class of 1997.

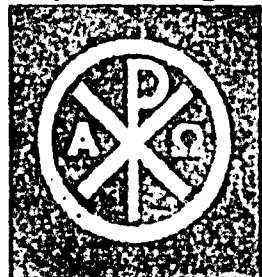


Chapel Cross – Dede McKay
McKay, a Spokane artist, won a campus competition in 1983 to design and build the cross that currently hangs in the chapel.



Campanile
Remembered for tolling hymns as students walk to class.

Chapel Tile Design – Pauline Haas & Gordon Wilson



When the chapel was constructed in 1979, Haas designed the brick pattern that features Christian symbols and text. Wilson completed the project. The large tile in the center of the chapel depicts four symbols and the words (Jesus Christ as) Lord, Servant, Friend and King. The Ictus (fish) was a secret sign used by early persecuted Christians to designate themselves as believers.

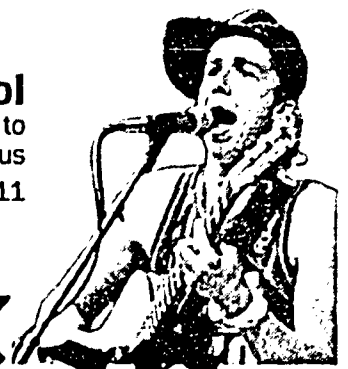
Cowles Auditorium Carving – Arthur DeJong (Jesus Washing the Feet of the Disciples)
DeJong was the president of Whitworth from 1988-1992 and created this carving of Jesus washing a disciple's feet. It was donated and inserted into Cowles Memorial Auditorium in 2002.





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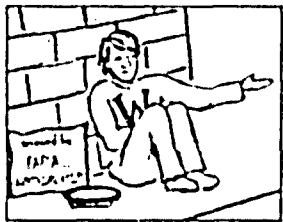
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ASWC demands changes to Cores, freshman seminar and clubs.

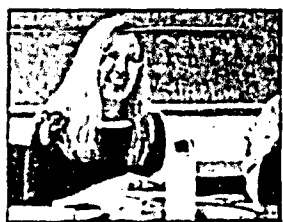
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Athletes tour during break

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WORD FOR WORD

"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."

- Jackie Robinson
Last Sunday, Major League Baseball celebrated the 60th anniversary of Robinson breaking the color barrier

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Students go 'houseless'



Jesse Clark Whitworthian

Sophomore Kyle Navis zips up his sleeping bag after sleeping under the Keola balcony as part of Festival of Shalom week.

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Athletes just as confused over policy

Jessica Davis
News Editor

Defensive back Ryan Marshall was surprised when he received an e-mail from the registrar's office reminding him to pre-register for classes.

Marshall is a junior, which should have disqualified him from registering early — a fact he did not know.

"My feeling is that it wasn't communicated very well to the rest of the school," Marshall said. "The e-mail was a reminder but it was never communicated with me before. I was kind of confused on that."

Several student athletes with junior status, some spring athletes and athletic trainers registered before seniors with more earned credits last week due to a new policy instituted by Academic Affairs.

Dean of faculty Michael Le Roy said in a recent interview that was not how the policy was supposed to work.

"I was not distinguishing between the different credit levels that governed the registrar's timing for students [registering]," Le Roy said.

Registrar Beverly Kleeman said the majority of athletes registered with seniors who had 121 credits on Tuesday. A second wave of student athletes registered Wednesday when Kle-

eman received a complete list of in-season athletes.

Kleeman said she was not aware Le Roy did not understand the specifics of the registration system.

"That may have just been a misunderstanding between [Le Roy's] office and mine, but I can't speak to that," Kleeman said.

Kleeman said as of Monday morning athletes have already been pulled out of some classes to make room for seniors who need to graduate.

"I doubt we will be doing this again because it has been so unpleasant for everyone," Le Roy said.

Le Roy said in a campus-wide e-mail last week only a limited number of athletes were allowed to pre-register and next year's seniors would be admitted into any classes necessary for graduation.

"Because this does not apply to graduating seniors, students who will be seniors next year or next year's freshmen this accommodation is only being made for a limited number of students," Le Roy said in an e-mail interview earlier in the week. "This exception does not apply to students who will be in sports that occur in the spring. We have tried to make this term specific."

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Board to discuss anti-discrimination policy

Leah Motz
Assistant Copy Editor

This week, Whitworth's Board of Trustees will debate the decision to adopt an anti-discrimination policy that would extend protection to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

The decision was previously postponed by an executive committee.

Whitworth has a history of intentionally not taking a stance on the homosexuality debate.

"Historically, Whitworth has resisted taking stands on issues over which serious Christian scholars disagree," President Bill Robinson said. "If Whitworth did take an institutional stance on this issue, it would be discouraging to people on the other side of the issue."

The debate is motivated by the Anderson-Murray Bill, a new Washington state law extending the previous Washington Civil Rights Act beyond protection previously guaranteed by the federal government.

The Anderson-Murray Bill adds the words "sexual orientation" to the list of categories un-

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Bill Robinson,
president

der the jurisdiction of the state's Human Rights Commission.

The bill pertains to nursery, elementary, secondary, undergraduate, postgraduate private schools or other educational institutions.

When the new legislation was introduced, Washington became the seventeenth state with an anti-discrimination clause that includes sexual orientation.

President Bill Robinson said the decision was delayed because the Board did not have enough information to make an informed decision.

Religious institutions can claim an exemption under the law. A decision by Whitworth to claim

an exemption would portray the school as more of a religious institution than a business.

Claiming the exemption could be comparable to claiming the role of a church.

Robinson is concerned that any decision could damage what he called the open climate at Whitworth.

"We're trying to preserve an environment where the issue can be debated honestly," Robinson said. He said enacting an anti-discrimination policy could have a negative effect on faculty if they had to sign an agreement supporting Whitworth's stance.

"There would be a group that would either have to leave or lie," Robinson said.

Robinson said Whitworth identifies itself as a community of scholars all of whom are deeply committed to Christ.

Whitworth has avoided aligning itself with models such as those followed by Seattle Pacific University and Northwestern College where faculty are required to sign a doctrinal statement supporting the school's beliefs.

Traditionally, faculty write their own statements of faith.

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College far from 'green'

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Whitworth's environmental club, Good Deeds for Trees, will highlight stewardship issues such as recycling and renewable energy during its campus-wide Earth Week, beginning on Earth Day (April 22) and running through April 26.

The club hopes to educate students about campus sustainability while pushing the administration to make Whitworth a more environmentally friendly campus.

Senior Ashley Bauman, the club president, said in an e-mail that purpose of Earth Week is three-fold: educating the student body on waste reduction and recycling; petitioning the school to make recycling a priority; and pushing for 100 percent renewable energy on campus.

Senior David Weaver, a member of Good Deeds for Trees, said the week's overall goal is to emphasize that students care about the environment.

"We're hoping to tell the administration that there are many students who want Whitworth to be more environmentally friendly," Weaver said.

Weaver alleges that Whitworth is lagging behind in the movement toward green (environmentally friendly) campuses.

"I definitely wouldn't say Whitworth is the only campus that has not gone green, because you can't really define green," Weaver said. "But after talking to other schools, Whitworth is definitely lagging behind in moving toward greening the campus."

Weaver referenced Whitman College, Western Washington University, and University of Washington, among others, as leaders in the greening movement.

Weaver said "greening" includes an emphasis on sustainability as well as recycling, renewable energy and student education—the three goals of Earth Week.

Whitworth is already

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Tips for green living on campus



Instead of...

A regular pencil

Baggies, plastic wrap, aluminum foil

Paper/plastic cups

Paper reports/assignments

Single-sided copies

Try this...

→ A mechanical pencil

→ A reusable container

→ Bring a washable mug

→ Use e-mail

→ Print/copy double-sided when possible

Information courtesy of www.sunnyrockland.edu/main/RecycleTipsSchool.htm

making significant steps in that direction, said Marisha Hamm, Whitworth's manager of environmental health, safety and security and a member of President Bill Robinson's sustainability council.

"There aren't a lot of opportunities for students to recycle, and I'll attest to that," Hamm said, but cautioned that students should not assume this means Whitworth has no recycling program.

"The perception from the student side, based on the lack of receptacles, is that we have no recycling program," Hamm said. "When, in fact, we do recycle a great many forms of waste. Our recycling program began with white paper, but we have moved on to much larger projects."

Prior to the institution of these programs, a student club was responsible for all recycling at Whitworth.

Supervisor of grounds and landscape services Janet Wright listed the many waste products that Whitworth recycles, ranging from different types of paper, aluminum cans and organic materials to oil, hazardous waste, batteries and computers.

Recycling is not the only way in which Whitworth administration is seeking to lower the campus's environmental footprint.

"When we built Weyerhaeuser Hall, it was designed to be LEED certified, and my understanding is that it meets that criteria," Hamm said.

LEED stands for Lead-

ership in Energy and Environmental Design and is a program developed by the U.S. Green Building Council that sets various standards and guidelines for environmentally sustainable construction.

Over the last two years, Wright said, Whitworth has switched its shop vehicles from high horsepower gas-guzzlers to vehicles that run on battery power. Whitworth is also talking with vendors about the possibility of switching the soda machines on campus from plastic bottles to aluminum cans, which are much cheaper to recycle.

"In short, we are trying to become more self-reliant," Hamm said.

Hamm and Wright both acknowledged the college has room to improve.

Environmental efforts are stymied by financing.

As Wright said, "This takes dollars."

Dollars are not the only problem. A key obstacle to making student recycling available, both Wright and Hamm said, has been the students themselves.

In order to be accepted at recycling centers, Wright said, recycling must be uncontaminated. In other words, one half-eaten hamburger in the "recycling only" bin makes a great deal of extra work for Wright and other grounds staff.

Weaver agrees that students must play a role in making Whitworth a more environmentally friendly campus.

"It's important for people to be educated about



Tyler Zuck/Whitworthian

A banana lies in a paper recycling bin last week. Because of this, the contents will not be recycled. Large amounts of recycling are tossed out because students throw waste into recycling bins.

what is happening to our environment, and for them to respond," Weaver said. "Don't just be passive—we need to be active."

Weaver referenced the phrase "Reduce, re-use, recycle." He said many students hear that phrase and focus on recycling.

"The first step, though, and the most important, is to reduce. Even small steps can make a big impact," Weaver said. "Do you leave your computer on at night? Do you bike around the campus instead of driving? Do you leave the heat on and the window open? Do you throw your can in the garbage or in the recycling?"

Plans for Earth Week include a strong emphasis on active student involvement in Whitworth's efforts to go green. In addition to educating students and petitioning the school admin-

istration to make changes, Bauman suggested ways students could work with the administration.

On the topic of recycling, Bauman suggested creating a job for students who care about recycling. They would be tasked with recycling-related responsibilities on-campus.

To meet Earth Week's renewable energy goal, Bauman suggested a small tuition hike. She said the environmental payoff would be well worth the added expense.

"We ask for 100 percent renewable energy," said Bauman. "This means a tuition increase of about \$20 to \$40 per student, but it would mean cutting our carbon impact to zero."

Bauman said they are asking that the school phase into 100 percent renewable energy over the next two years.

Whitworth Speaks OUT

Should athletes be given special privileges?

"I don't feel that freshmen and sophomore athletes should, but juniors and seniors, maybe. I can understand the more difficult time restraints."



Amy Moos
Sophomore



Trevor Strang
Senior

"Those who have other activities should receive the same privileges as the athletes."

"Being an athlete is a choice, so I don't think it should be considered priority over other people who do extracurricular activities."



Allyn Krzymowski
Junior



Elly Bulega
Freshman

"For signing up early, I think they should. Sports take so much of our time. It helps your schedule. Just for classes, though."

Compiled by James Spung and Caroline Davis

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IN THE LOOP

An editorial

Registration misstep needs correction

Do not blame the athletes for the pre-registration mess that occurred this past week. The fault lies at the administrative level.

For many years, the athletic department has been pushing for athletes to have priority to register for morning sections of classes. However, failure of administrative oversight by academic affairs and the registrar's office allowed most current fall and spring sport athletes of all class standings to register early.

There might have been good intentions behind the policy change allowing varsity athletes to register early, but good intent does not make good policy.

In fact, this pre-registration policy should never have been adopted in the first place.

Whitworth does not have a big-time athletic program. The teams have collectively been very successful the past few seasons, winning the Northwest Conference All-Sports trophy in 2005 and finishing runner-up in 2006. But our recent success does not put us anywhere close to a big athletic program like Washington State or even a smaller one like Eastern Washington.

It might be excusable at Division I schools to have a policy that allows student athletes to pre-register for classes before seniors and other students. Institutions at the Division I level are making large investments financially in student athletes through scholarships and therefore want to see results on the playing field and in the classroom.

At Whitworth, or any other Division III school, student athletes are not on scholarship, which essentially makes them volunteers. Students choose whether they want to participate or not. Athletics are just another extra-curricular activity, like music, theatre, student government and the like.

Last week, administrators did not extend the same privileges to those groups of students. Student athletes should not be singled out as privileged group.

Processes, like registration, must be fair. The old registration policy had no privileged groups and allowed for equality. If a third-year student had junior standing and happened to also be an athlete, they were not permitted to register before a person with senior standing.

Administrators upset the balance and fairness that was already in place.

The school must decide to recognize all groups that need special accommodation during registration, not just athletics, or choose not to recognize any groups.

Whitworth ought to abort this privileged pre-registration policy for the future.

"In the Loop," written by the editorial board, represents the editorial voice of The Whitworthian.

Dependent no more

Let students in the middle class income bracket declare independence from their parents to qualify for additional financial aid

GALEN SANFORD
Writer



As a student in the United States you can't file for independent status on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) unless you are 24, married, a veteran of the armed services, in graduate school, an orphan or a ward of the court.

To dependents, this means you have to include your parents' income on your FAFSA, whether or not they actually support you. The requirement is not a problem if your parents have no income. If your parents don't make money the federal government will pay your way.

But it is a problem if your parents have income. If your parents make more than \$45,000 a year, you are not eligible for Federal need-based grants.

Of course, parents on a \$45,000 income can't afford to spend 13 percent of their income to send their child to the University of Washington at \$6,000 a year, much less a private university. So, you as a student are relegated to loans, which means debt.

Including your parents' income on the FAFSA is even worse if your parents have income but won't help you pay for school. The government doesn't care if you haven't talked to your parents since you moved out when you were 18. It expects your parents to be willing to help you out if they can afford to.

The government's policy is a contradiction. The government may reason that if any student could claim independence from their parents, then every parent would tell their student to claim independence and every parent would be off the hook for college tuition.

The government seems to believe

parents will abuse the system and implies that parents are selfish.

On the other hand, by denying students the privilege of stating only their own income on the FAFSA, the government firmly places students' fate in the hands of their parents.

In this case, the government seems to believe parents are generous and will spend their money on their children's education.

If the government believes parents are selfish, then why not defend the students? If the government believes parents are generous, then why not give students the option of declaring independence?

The government faces a larger question: Why limit student access to financial aid in the first place?

Here a foundational tenant of United States civics must be stated resoundingly and clearly: The government is not a separate entity from the people. All the government is the people. No student is not the people.

Therefore, no student is not the government.

The government, and by the government I mean the people, should look out for themselves.

Universal financial access to private and public university education is good for every citizen of the United States. If the poor (who receive need-based financial aid) and the rich (who can afford higher level education) and the middle class (who currently can't afford higher level education and don't receive need-based financial aid) all have access to private and public universities, based on their academic potential (Note I didn't say current capabilities. That would bias against low-income students.) and not



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their financial status, within a few generations the class gap will decrease.

It is not a fluke that both John Kerry and George Bush graduated from the same fraternity at the same university. There exists an elite class which is perpetuated by the education copious riches will buy.

In addition, as the class gap decreases, it is likely new groups of people will rise to influence. The elite and their corporations will not possess such power over the working class. And when corporations and the military industrial complex don't run the world, perhaps not quite so much money will be spent on bombs to

fuel corporate gas-guzzlers, and perhaps more money, as Jon Stewart so aptly suggested, will be spent on levees. I can think of a few other things that could use money: health care for those below the poverty line, schools that can't afford books, teachers

who hold our future in their hands, responsible foreign aid and loan forgiveness and increased, universal financial aid for all university students.

Education may not solve all the problems of the world, but it does increase a society's potential for ingenuity and creation. An uneducated populace is great for crusades and slavery, but it is not conducive to equality, prosperity, liberty or happiness.

I am not, of course, so unpatriotic as to say that the 300 million dollars the Pentagon just spent on one robotic stealth airplane to attack terrorists armed with rifles and jury-rigged bombs would have been better spent on scholarships.

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Who is the church and where is the steeple?

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Writer



With Easter Sunday come and gone (along with all the Easter candy), I was wondering why we who went to church on April 8 actually went. Did we go because we go every Sunday?

Or because that is what we have always done with our families? Or because it was Easter and we felt compelled to go?

Those questions got me thinking about why college students go to church in general. Since we are now away from the influence and tradition of our families, how are we making our decisions about how we practice our faith in groups? One initial reaction is to rebel and attend a different denomination than our parents do, or not go to church at all. (Besides, isn't going to Whitworth kind of like going to church all the time anyway?) I think this method is good as long as it is done in a seeking manner with the goal of making your

faith your own.

Perhaps the style of church today just doesn't resonate with us and what we know "church" is supposed to be. I read a book last year about a church in Minneapolis called Solomon's Porch that throws tradition out the window. The congregation sits in a big circle and they argue with the pastor if they don't agree with what he is saying. You can even do art or get back massages during the service. Is this the church of today?

"You can even do art or get back massages during the service. Is this the church of today?"

Some of us attend church out of habit, whether we think of it that way or not. It is just something that we do without even thinking. We dress nice; we know the songs. We smile at the other church attendees; we tithe our meager offerings. We listen to the sermon; we even take notes and discuss it on the way home. We get back to school to do our homework; we may possibly attend a small group during the week (if we don't have an intramural game). But church doesn't go any farther than that. It is just routine. It doesn't take away from us or add to us.

At times, my initial feeling after missing a church ser-

vice on Sunday is that of guilt. Where does that response come from? Nowhere in the Bible does it say that the Book of Life has a tally column to record church attendance. The church is not meant to be an obligation, but a gathering of people trying to learn more about who God is. Not once in the Bible does Paul say that the church is a building, a place to go on a certain day. He only refers to the church as people.

And as people (and many of us claiming to be people of God), it is not our duty to attend church. More specifically as college students, we are at a crucial point in our lives when we need to firmly decide who we are going to be and how we are going to live our faiths.

Perhaps we shouldn't go to church if our hearts are not in it. Our church attendance should not be based on a legalism and the hope that we will look Christian in front of others or God. Our church attendance, if any, should be based on a freedom in and a hope of Christ's return, that we may celebrate together.

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HUMOR COLUMN

Better Date than Never

Daniel Walters
Staff writer

Despite overwhelming scientific evidence that it causes cancer, many Americans still insist on falling in love.

Even the word "Love" is clumsy and confusing. C.S. Lewis only knew four types of love. Today, however, there are over 112 Love languages and 64 Love species, including Puppy Love, Muskrat Love, Courtney Love, Lyle Lovett and my usual tennis score. The "love" a man has for a bowl of ice cream is entirely different from that unique love shared between man and X-box.

Love, some say, is a lot like alcohol. It makes you feel warm and fuzzy inside, causes you to do incredibly stupid things, muddles your ability to speak and, in some cases, leads to you vomiting all over your couch. (Now that I'm 21, I can legally make alcohol analogies.)

Younger students will often ask me for my sage ancient wisdom on this matter. "Daniel," they ask, "How do I know if I'm in love?"

Well, there's this test that you pee on, and if it turns blue, you're in love. Here's another sign. Hundreds of songs that you previously thought to be saccharine empty-headed claptrap suddenly become achingly profound and *speaking right to you*.

"Wow! I do have love in my tummy! And it is indeed yummy!"

Such power can bleed your cynicism dry. Naturally, this toxic joy can paralyze a humor columnist. Since we draw our strength from hatred, skepticism, and the all-mighty eye-roll, the Humor Columnist Order strictly forbids such a whimsical emotion as Love.

Sometimes, however, I need to get somebody to fall in love with me, usually to win a bet, influence an election, or manipulate them into revealing state secrets.

I've tried talking in my deep husky voice, e-mailing flowers, composing love polkas, leveling up my Blood Elf Paladin, pulling pigtails, telling her she "looks prettier when I take off my glasses" and spraying on gallons of Axe® Knockout™ chloroform body spray. Sadly, even my most powerful Siege Weapons of Seduction can't breach the steelclad Bastion of Rejection. (Or in many cases, *prejection*.)

So instead, I am left with the solemn duty of making sexist observations. (Feminists may complain, but frankly, they'll never find their Prince Charming with *that* attitude.) Each gender has a specific Dating Game role.

It's the girl's job to wildly leap to crazy conclusions. I guarantee you that there are dozens of girls reading this column right now who are hyper-analyzing the word choice, syntax, line breaks and typeface of this article and coming to the intractable conclusion that I must be madly in love with them. To avoid "leading me on," they figure, they must cease all conversation with me for the rest of my life without telling me why. It's the only way!

It's the guy's job, meanwhile, to pursue the girl without taking the freeway exit to Stalkerville.

Fortunately, there's a very easy step-by-step technique to not being a stalker.

Step 1: Don't be ugly.

And that's it. Let's compare two hypothetical female conversations. The

first concerns "Quasimodo," a disfigured gentleman with a heart of gold and teeth to match.

"So, did I tell you that Quasi waved to me in the loop the other day?"

"Gross!"

"Ugh. I know. And then he said, 'Hi!'"

"Eek! Stalker!"

Next, we have "Chad," a guy with a chiseled jaw, the *brexmiest* eyes and biceps that look as if he's developed a creative — if extreme — way to smuggle pomegranates past Customs. Bonus: He's especially good at expectorating.

"So Chad slipped some more candid Polaroids he took of me under my door last night! And it was the *cutest* thing, for some reason, he'd cut out all of my eyes."

"Ohh... how sweet."

"And have you seen the darling shrine he has to me back at his chateau? There's a life-size mannequin of me made out of

loined locks of my own hair!"

"He's so creative!"

Even with this in mind, guys will make a lot of stupid mistakes. I blame romantic comedies. While guys deny watching such movies, we often have Meg Ryan movie marathons at our slumber parties after painting each other's nails.

This is where guys get the brilliant idea that the surefire way to get a girl is to make a gushingly dramatic Epic Love Confession™. And according to romantic comedies, it's best to unleash an Epic Love Confession™ right at the worst possible moment, like when she's at the airport, about to leave forever, or get married, or die of cancer, or as the Titanic is plunging to its icy grave. It's equivalent to suavely trying to light a woman's cigarette. With a flamethrower. While covered in kerosene. On the deck of the Hindenburg.

Guys tend to like the Epic Love Confession™ because it provides closure; in most cases it seals off the dim possibility of a relationship forever. A relationship is the *last* thing many guys want with somebody they're in love with. Relationships often preclude guys from their ultimate evolutionary imperative: Giving their STDs to as many women as possible.

However, even casual friendships are perilously close to evolving into the more serious kind of ship.

Often times girls will try to trick you into determining the relationship with something called a "DTR." This stands for "Don't talk, run!" Even the wisest cannot hope to successfully disarm the fiendish traps of the average DTR. Fortunately, girls will usually tip you off by dropping a DTR code-phrase, buying you valuable seconds to escape.

"We need to talk," she says ominously.

"Sure. But you'll have to catch me first!" You throw a smoke grenade on the ground and use the ensuing confusion to dive through the third story window and grab the runners of a waiting helicopter, which whisks you off to safety.

Just remember, love is but a game, albeit the second most dangerous game of all. Which game depends on the person: It can be "Sorry," "Trouble," "Old Maid," "Crazy Eights," "5 card stud," "Everquest," "Russian Roulette" or, in very odd cases, "Go Fish."

Winning the game is easy: Just be yourself.

Ha ha! Just kidding. You have to cheat.



Vandalized posters show gritty reality

Recently-elected financial vice president shares a difficult event that took place on the campaign trail

Luis Lopez
Staff writer

With only mere weeks left until the end of the school year, I think it is a fair assumption that we must look back on the year and realize that there has been a singular, defining problem on our campus: race relations.

It is a problem, regrettably, that has been a part of this campus for far too long. Acting upon the problem has been slow and delayed, for an amalgam of reasons.

The problem is an underlying one, not necessarily overt. However, it has become clear to me that we cannot sit idly by and pretend that it is not a problem. The time for action is now.

Until then, I was proud to say that I have never been a victim of racism on this campus. That has now changed.

The week of primaries found me fully involved in campaigning for the primary elections. I started on Tuesday evening, going through Duvall, the Young Life theme houses, Schumacher, and part of Stewart. The next night took me to the other dorms I had not yet been to: McMillan, Ballard, Baldwin-Jenkins and Warren. I should say that prior to entering Warren Hall on Wednesday evening, I had put posters throughout the hallways on Tuesday afternoon. I merely wanted to knock on doors and tell people that I was running for financial vice president. I went through 1st South, 1st West, and then 1st East.

As I made my way down 1st East, I looked at walls seeing campaign posters I had put up the previous day. Eventually, due to some writing on it, my eye was drawn to one of my posters. As I looked down and examined it more closely, I saw that my last name, "Lopez", was circled with a line drawn to a sentence which read:

"This event, as unfortunate as it was, I hope will result as a catalyst for change. We cannot deny the problems of race relations on campus any longer."

"Would you trust a Mexican with your money?" To add more salt to the wound, my face had also been drawn upon with blue marker. Someone had drawn devil horns, a mustache and a beard, creating an ugly, offensive caricature.

I was horrified at this discovery to say the least. I was confused, hurt and angry. Fortunately, I talked to several people that night who helped me temper my sorrow. I even talked to President Robinson about the matter. At first, I wanted to stop campaigning because of what happened. But, due to the great support and care that I received that night, I soldiered on the best I could.

The next day, I talked to Esther Louie, assistant dean of intercultural affairs, about the matter and she gave me even more encouragement. We came to an agreement that we should send an e-mail out to everyone informing them of the situation. She sent the e-mail out the next morning, and, unfortunately, our private correspondence was leaked to a majority of the campus.

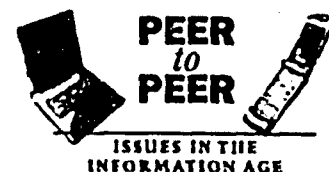
Though Esther made a mistake by releasing my name in that original e-mail, what it did was finally give a face to the problem. It was not an event dominated by hearsay. For once, many more people actually paid attention to the event. I could definitely tell due to the slew of e-mails, Facebook messages and wall posts, and phone calls that I received.

This event, as unfortunate as it was, I hope will result as catalyst for change. We cannot deny the problems of race relations on this campus any longer. As we change from Whitworth College to Whitworth University, let us strive to change a part of ourselves. This change will not be instantaneous, as much as we wish it to be. It will be a slow, ongoing process — one that must be undertaken now.

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Question of the week

Q: What is one thing you hope ASWU will accomplish?

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Opinions

The organized church needs to govern itself

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As you are reading this you should be aware of one thing: Your taxes are due. That's right, Tuesday April 17th is the official deadline for filing income taxes this year, due to the traditional 15th falling on a Sunday and the 16th falling on Emancipation Day, a Washington D.C. holiday. At this time of year many are reminded of the ever-encroaching, ever-persistent presence of the government in their everyday affairs.

Unfortunately, the Church is no exception. In San Diego, the Roman Catholic Diocese is facing legal problems in connection with sexual abuse claims against priests of the church. These claims, if true, are indicative of nefarious and abhorrent behavior—especially in the case of a person in church leadership. Those responsible for this behavior must be brought to justice.

However, there is a question of a Biblical outline for how to proceed in these instances. In I Corinthians Paul writes to the church in Corinth and has scathing words to say to the Christians there regarding their methods of dealing with disputes amongst themselves. He said, "If any of you have a dispute

with another Christian, how dare you go before heathen judges instead of letting God's people settle the matter? Don't you know that God's people will judge the world? Do you not know that we shall judge the angels?"

With this statement he clearly tells the Christians to settle their own disputes. The question is: How much of this is context? In the United States today, are we not subject to the law of our nation? Yet, were not the Corinthians similarly subject to Roman law? While we do not know the scope of the issues dealt with by the Corin-

thian Christians, it is clear that the members of the Christian Church are to be responsible for maintaining order amongst themselves.

In this case, much of the blame must go to those priests who, with one face, proclaimed the word of God to their congregation and with another committed terrible crimes. It must rest

upon the shoulders of those who evaluated these priests for their positions. But most of all the blame must lie on the church as a whole. How can the bride of Christ regress to the point where it breaks the law of pagans?

It is repugnant that the Church has even allowed herself to get to the point where legislation is necessary. The church and every brother and sister in Christ must evaluate their role in creating a body of Christ which may hold itself to the high ideal Paul sets for it: Indeed, who are we to be allowing our sinfulness to abound to a point where it is governed by unbelievers?

It is high time the Church rose up and, instead of displaying to the world a network of lukewarm sinners in need of human justice, revealing to the world the blazoned glory of a holy and perfect God.

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'Losing' your virginity might be wrong way of looking at it

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I received an e-mail several weeks ago and I'm just getting the chance to address it now. The student asked how I would suggest approaching sex in a manner that doesn't signify it as something drastic and negatively life-altering. He thinks that the huge psychological idea of losing something irreplaceable can't be the healthiest way to approach virginity.

I can hear you all typing scathing e-mails to me already just for putting "virginity" in print, but wait, it gets better...

We all talk about sex with our friends. The topic seems pretty universal to me since we all started out as half-sperm, half-egg. But Whitworth students cringe at the very idea of talking about who "is" and who "isn't" a virgin.

In 1999, almost half of high school stu-

dents polled reported having had intercourse, according to Planned Parenthood. Also, the likelihood of having sex increases with age, meaning the percentage of college students who have had sex is even higher.

Do the math. If Whitworth is representative of the rest of the country, half of you reading this are virgins and half of you have had sex. (More cringing.)

Him? Her?

Does that mean the person sitting across the room in Stan's is wicked? No, you idiot! It means that they chose to have sex. Hopefully, it was with a person who they loved and planned on being with the rest of their life, but it might not have been. Should you decide to tell them that they have made the

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wrong choice because it's not what you would have done? No! You should love them because he or she is a person just like y-o-u.

Wait, I'm getting too far off topic. Virginity. Right.

The student's e-mail made another good point: You are a virgin to something until you've tried it... alcohol, driving, Grey's Anatomy.

Experiencing something new means you've gained life lessons, not lost part of yourself.

Take marriage for example. Parents always say they are gaining a son or daughter – not losing one when their child gets married.

When you get married, you gain new experiences. Marriage includes sex, even if sex doesn't always include marriage. You're

a virgin to your wedding until you experience it, and then the wedding is just the beginning of the actual marriage thingy. You don't lose a part of yourself once you get married and are committed to a person for life, you gain a lifetime companion.

If you still think it's healthy to think of having sex as losing part of yourself, talk to someone who has really lost something: a parent, a sibling, a child. Hopefully, they'll agree with my belief that every experience has worth. All of them.

You learn, you decide to change or stay the same, you move on. Life is not a series of unconnected events. It builds and grows upon itself with age, so stop worrying about everyone else's and start building yours.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: "Pre-registration"

Special athlete treatment unfair

I must admit that I was quite shocked when I learned that Whitworth plays favorites with its students. I never imagined that an institution like Whitworth would allow such favoritism to enter its politics and at first I found it hard to believe.

To hear that the school puts athletes before the rest of the student body was a little upsetting. It turns out that all the athletes get to register on the very first day of registration along with all the upper seniors. This is favoritism defined and is unfair to the rest of the student body.

Please do not get me wrong. I absolutely love and support athletics, but it is simply unjust to give them certain advantages above others. Now, I can fully understand allowing pre-registration privileges to those members of the student body who carry the type of extracurricular activities that require vast amounts of time outside of normal full load semesters.

However, to limit those privileges to only athletes is most definitely unethical. If the college is going to issue such pre-registration privileges so that students can fix schedules around such extracurricular activities, then the administration needs to offer them to all such activities. This would include athletics, The Whitworthian, any form of the student government (dorm senators, ASWC, etc.), students with more than one major and any other activity that takes large amounts of time away from the normal class load.

In addition, this may make it more challenging for some juniors and seniors who need certain classes to get into those classes if other students have been allowed an unfair first chance at them.

To make matters worse it feels like the administration was making a decent effort to

hide the fact that they were playing favorites. To my knowledge the teachers and professors had no vote or any say or input in this matter. They were just told that this was the way registration was going to be run this semester. The students were not told at all, unless they were athletes.

I feel the need to let the administration know how upsetting it is to realize that they elevate one portion of the student body above the rest. This is unethical and just plain unfair. I know that it is too late to do anything about this registration for the next fall semester, but in the future I do not think that this should be allowed unless it is given to all students who meet such a strenuous overload.

Douglas Griffith
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Re: "April Fool's"

Mormon beliefs are Christian

One thing that concerns me in this institution is the sometimes inaccurate information that is propagated about religions other than the Whitworth mainstream.

In a recent issue of The Whitworthian, a column hinted that Mormonism, more specifically the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, is not a Christian organization. As you may know, the official name for the Mormon church is "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints." I would think that the faith of the members of this church is as plain as that name.

I, and all other Mormons, are Christians, and to spread an idea to the contrary is incorrect. As a member of the LDS church, I am saddened and frustrated when I see or hear persecution against my religion.

Over the past semester I have noted that everyone from passing students to Core 250

professors have made thoughtless and incorrect jokes at my religion's expense.

The obvious favorite is the completely incorrect idea that the LDS church tolerates polygamy, but sadly it is only one of many well-worn misconceptions. I would ask you to please be mindful of other religions, even when making jokes in your April Fool's Day paper.

It is necessary to always be well-informed when you are in a position to distribute information to others. You will have an influence, however small, on how they perceive others.

Maddison Colvin
Junior
Art

Re: "ASWU elections"

Candidates need originality

I just can't take it any more. I can't take the fact that once again some of the people running for ASWU positions think that using the same lines from yester-year are effective or true.

If you are asking what these lines are I will tell you. Things like, "I will make your voice heard," "I want to bridge gaps," or "I want to bring a new face to ASWC" are all old and empty lines. Come up with something original! PLEASE!

As a senior I have had the chance to listen to a lot of people campaign for office, and it's always the same promises and the same lies. I'm not going to say that you don't truly mean what you are saying, but candidates come up with something NEW! If you say you want to make a change then start with the way that you platform your self. Be specific. What are you going to bridge, who are you going to hear, AND HOW?

So quit wasting paper on yester-year's slogans and tag lines, most of all if you say

your going to do something DO IT!

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Marketing and
Business Management

Re: "Racism"

College past holds answers

It is sad to know that racism still exists in our country today, but it is far more grievous to realize that it prevails at an institution that fundamentally opposes the very notion of such inequality.

Whitworth has always been a progressive institution when it comes to issues of race relations and equality. In the mid 60s — during the height of more current racial tensions — Whitworth students, both black and white, marched side by side in support of racial equality. Today, Whitworth students of all ages and races are involved in various community and activism programs designed to combat the increasingly apparent ill effects of inequality.

The fact that racism is not something that has long since been forgotten, especially on the Whitworth campus, is appalling. We, as students, need to realize that we are part of a tradition that celebrates equality and strives to maintain it. Racist thought and action on the Whitworth campus is uncalled for and in no way, shape, or form coincides with Whitworth's values and goals as an institution.

Stephen Montgomery
Senior
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Shalom

FESTIVAL OF SHALOM | April 16-20



TOP: Executive assistant to the president Dale Soden leads students in songs of peace outside the HUB last Wednesday.

ABOVE: Jon Phillips leads an educational session on Colombia in a HUB conference room last Thursday.

Clubs sponsor week of events promoting shalom

Julie Wootton
Staff Writer

For three days last week, Festival of Shalom offered a variety of events on campus, sponsored by several clubs — Communities in Crisis, Amnesty International, Latin America Club and the International Justice Mission.

"We started meeting on a semi-weekly basis to plan dates and events and coordinate for things like advertising and such," junior Kyle Navis said. Navis is president of Communities in Crisis.

TUESDAY

Communities in Crisis sponsored a discussion about racial reconciliation. Dale Soden, executive assistant to the president and professor of history, led students in songs about peace.

Three local African-American pastors, dean of the Seeley G. Mudd chapel Terry McGonigal and Soden led the discussion Tuesday evening.

Part of discussion addressed campus race issues. Stephy Nobles-Beans, coordinator of ministry and multicultural affairs, encouraged students to work towards racial reconciliation by not backing away from conflicts and exercising "cultural sensitivity."

"Given some of the recent controversies on campus with regards to race, I thought it would be appropriate for something in the Festival of Shalom to try and address those issues," Navis said.

SHALOM DEFINED

Shalom is a Hebrew noun meaning flourishing, wholeness, perfection of God's creation, prosperity, peace. It implies the "way things are supposed to be," according to notes from TH-256.

Read more about shalom and Professor Terry McGonigal's new book on the subject

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WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday at noon outside the Hixson Union Building, Soden led songs about peace.

"I hope that students simply enjoyed the time of singing and took a moment to listen to what the songs are saying and wonder whether or not the songs have application to today," Navis said.

Communities in Crisis organized a campus-wide clothing drive, has been collecting water bottles for a local food and clothing bank and organized the houseless challenge that was part of Festival of Shalom.

Amnesty International showed a documentary about high environmental costs of materialism and overconsumption.

THURSDAY

International Justice Mission and the Latin America club co-sponsored the Maren Haynes lecture.

Haynes, an '06 Whitworth alumna, spoke about United States-Mexico border issues, including immigration, global economics and human rights.

"Maren Haynes spoke about U.S.-Mexican border issues from her personal experience in Arizona with the [Presbyterian Church USA] Young Adult Volunteer Program," said senior Michael Marchesini, co-president of the Latin America Club.

The Latin America club showed the film, "Colombians Speak Out About Violence and U.S. Policy" on Thursday. After the film, Jon Phillips led an educational session on Colombia, focused on human rights and the effects of U.S. policies.

Phillips was one of 10 people nationwide to go on the 2006 Presbyterian Church Young Adult Peacemaking Travel Seminar in Colombia.

"Colombia receives the fourth largest amount of foreign aid per year," said senior and co-president of Latin America club Kathryn Robinson. "It is important to know where our money is going and many people see the aid as having a negative impact on the drug wars in Colombia."

The club is currently preparing for the Colombia Day of Action on May 21.

"Events during Festival of Shalom are the first step in educating the public about Colombia," Robinson said. "The next step will be getting churches involved and sending letters to congressional leaders."

Thursday, Rev. Richard Leatherberry, the Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, lectured on the current crisis in Sudan.

"I hope that Festival of Shalom caused people to think about their community, the world and how they can love peace and do justice in it at the same time," Navis said.

THE RULES

The group set down these guidelines to dictate their activities during houselessness:

Sleep outdoors in different places, always in groups. Use cardboard underneath you for insulation and padding and be sure to have plenty of sleeping bags and blankets. Share if you need to.

Do not buy your own food or swipe yourself into SAGA. Accept what is given to you graciously.

Only two sets of clothes for the week.

Two showers for the week and they cannot be in your own shower. Washing faces and brushing teeth can be done in HUB bathrooms.

No skipping classes. School is too important (and costly) for this to come first.

Talk with others about why you are doing this. Be sure to retain humility and keep in mind that while this may help you gain perspective, you are not truly experiencing what it is to be homeless (or houseless).

Everything you own stays with you unless you can find a place to hide it on campus.



TOP: Houseless participants and freshmen Elizabeth Orphan and Dani King display signs about homelessness in Spokane while reading on April 10.

ABOVE: Sophomore Dan Herve wakes up last Friday morning for the last day of being houseless.

RIGHT: Houseless participants sophomore Breann Durham, senior Michael Vander Giessen and junior Kyle Navis contemplate their experiences at a meeting last Thursday night.

Jesse Clark Whitworth

Monday, April 16

Last night I was in a fetal position every day. One p.m. cold. It's a pitiful bag and headed for sink, generating awful. I wore the cover sleep lines I headed for the

Students go 'houseless' for five days

Students spent five days and nights "houseless" as part of the Festival of Shalom.

Junior Kyle Navis organized the project. He was joined by approximately 20-25 other students.

Whitworthian staff writer and freshman Calli Strellnauer participated for the first three days and nights of the project and kept this journal of her experiences and thoughts.

To read Strellnauer's journals in their entirety, visit: www.whitworthian.com

Sunday, April 8 - Houseless Night 1

I am about to join friends and fellow students being "houseless". I'll outline rules later, but I want to say why I decided to do this.

I have had very little contact with the homeless. I have spent most of my time in the lovely safety and comfort of my Whitworth bubble and have been properly less throughout his ministry. He walked everywhere and depended on people's generosity and hospitality. He slept outside sometimes and was hungry and cold and dirty and none of that slowed his ministry or changed his attitude. I want to experience this and learn more about how Christ lived.

Those are my reasons and here is the story, start to finish, of my days as a "houseless" student at Whitworth.

Packing after an 8 p.m. soccer game was rushed and mildly frantic, but as it involved shoving one set of clothing into a laundry bag, it worked out fine. I packed a pair of shorts and another T-shirt to go with the jeans, leggings and T-shirt I wore and grabbed a toothbrush, toothpaste, glasses, contact lens supplies and a comb. Adding schoolbooks and a sleeping bag, I was pretty much set. Our meeting at 10 p.m. was a quick rundown of the week's rules. We met again at 11 p.m. to walk across campus together and find places to sleep. I stayed with a group in the Pirates Cove shelter. We laid out our mats and sleeping bags and went to sleep around one or two.



Freshman Calli Strellnauer

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Wednesday, April 11 - Houseless Day/Night 4

Last night, we slept in the art building. I could sleep without my shoes and coat on! I think we may have scared the cleaning lady, though. We woke up at 7 a.m., so I headed to the coffee shop and took a nap on the couch for a couple hours until class.

Some things I am adjusting to. I'm used to waking up quickly and immediately packing in my laundry bag and rolling up my sleeping gear to can clear out and get indoors. I'm used to using a water bottle to brush my teeth and spitting outside when necessary. I'm used to washing and drying my face with paper towel. I've even gotten more comfortable with falling asleep immediately anywhere that I can find an out-of-the-way place.

Some things I can't get used to. I still feel uncomfortable asking for food. People were unfailingly kind and generous, but it was so demeaning to sit outside doors with a sign and my bag of belongings, announcing to the world that I need help. My pride doesn't adjust well to being dependent on charity.

I feel disgusting in these clothes that I've worn and slept in for the past few days. I'm humiliated that people can see that my hair is dirty and greasy, that I have dirt stains on my face and arms, that I have no makeup and dark circles under my eyes from my lack of sleep.

But the nights are the worst. It's tiring just toting my stuff around trying to find a decent and safe place to sleep. Once I get there, I lay down cardboard boxes and my sleeping bag, then pile blankets around me until I have made a little cocoon out of anything that could possibly insulate me. Others make their own cocoons close to me so we can share each other's body heat. We get into our sleeping bags fully clothed (coat, shoes and all), unwilling to take off anything that might keep us just a little bit warmer. Despite doing all I can, I still wake up so many times during the night that I feel like the sleep just isn't worth it. Every time I lay down, I just think about wanting it to be morning. Not because I will be rested (I won't) or because something exciting is happening then (it isn't), but because that means the cold temperature and the discomfort and the danger will be done and I can go back to being around light and people and the warmth of open buildings.

Last night, a painful realization hit me. Children do this every night. Little children and lonely teenagers and broken adults sleep outside in the freezing cold and the dark every night. They don't have nice sleeping bags and groups of friends on safe college campuses. They do this in alley ways and on park benches surrounded by dirty newspapers and broken bottles. They wait for morning because that means that they have survived another night without freezing or being beaten or raped or attacked or stolen from. They don't do this for some self-righteous idea that by doing this they'll gain understanding or become better people. They do this because they have no other choice. When this realization hit me, it broke my heart. I laid in my sleeping bag shaking with tears rolling through the dirt on my face and soaking into the unwashed hair at my temples just thinking that I am so blessed and so lucky and so incredibly selfish to have all of this and do nothing with it.

Conclusions

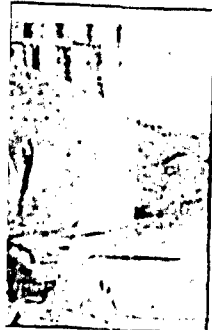
I go without conveniences for a few days and imagine it makes me a better person. I pat myself on the back for sacrificing and identifying better with the homeless. Shame on me. I have spent this year talking about social justice and making a difference and loving others and I have ignored the needy that live just a few streets down. I am like some horrible Pharisee, proud and pristine and self-righteous, calling myself a good, compassionate Christian while I have neglected those with arms outstretched to me, begging for help. God, have mercy on me.

I came into this selfishly. I thought that I would get a lot out of this experience and that through this I would be someone that others should look up to. The truth is that I have only just realized how little I have cared about my fellow man and for that I am ashamed. I can see that I have bought into this self-centered culture that I always looked down on. All I think of is myself. Everything that I do is tainted with some self-love. Even my good actions are usually motivated by a desire for recognition and praise.

Thank God that this has really changed me. Though I am still a sinful, pathetic, selfish mess, God loves me and allows me opportunity to be used for his glory. I am not a heartless lost cause. I am a heart-broken girl crying in the school library for my brothers and sisters living without houses and without homes.

- Calli Strellnauer

Whitworthian staff writer,
houseless participant



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Participants put up these
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Monday, April 9 - Houseless Day/Night 2

Last night I woke up I don't know how many times. Every time I was in the fetal position desperately trying to get warm. I can't believe people do this every day. One person said my body shook all night and I whimpered with cold. It's a pitiful image. After waking up, I packed my stuff in my laundry bag and headed for the HUB. I brushed my teeth and washed my face in the sink, generating strange looks from the bathroom's occupants. I looked at the clothes I slept in and tied a bandana around my head to cover my sleep lines and acne and keep my hair out of my face.

I headed for the coffee shop, hoping to stay inside before Core. I took a soft chair and winced when every vertebra cracked and popped. Concrete is not best for spinal comfort. I shut my eyes for a second ... and woke up 20 minutes later when my houseless friends shook me awake for class.

I felt like a spectacle on campus. I toted my laundry bag everywhere. My hair was messy, my clothes were wrinkled and smelly, I had no makeup and sleep lines creased my face from napping. I think I understand why homeless sleep during the day. It is much warmer and safer and there are so many more comfortable places.

I never realized how bored the homeless must be. I spent my time sleeping in the HUB or in the library. I spent most of the day in the HUB or in the library. I spent most of the day in the HUB or in the library.

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Tuesday, April 10 - Houseless Day/Night 3

I mark this as my second day of houselessness. I'm not close to sleeping through the night. A bunch of the girls and I ended up spooning in our individual sleeping bags to stay warm. We must have looked like some ridiculous mass of sleeping bags, blankets and bodies. I slept better than before, though it was 15 degrees colder.

My houseless friends and I trekked to the HUB and staked out couches in front of the fireplace. Most wandered to class, books in backpacks and laundry bags. I only stayed awake in class because my professor kept using my name. It didn't help that I sat with a Mexican blanket wrapped around me to regain warmth. My friends and I reconvened outside the HUB to ask for food. I'm amazed at people's generosity. Many offered us food. Students used flex dollars for food and coffee and cocoa from the coffee shop.

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I wonder what the reaction would be if we were actually homeless? Would students still stop and talk and offer food or would they avoid eye contact? I'm ashamed to say the homeless usually intimidate me. Many seem to be giving us food out of genuine concern. Strangers took me to the café to pick out anything I wanted. A friend from my dorm said, "I walked by and saw you all sitting there and I felt so bad. Then I got closer and saw your faces and it just broke my heart." I have received so much encouragement, but I wonder if I am doing anything. I wonder how many of us will be involved after this week. I wonder what kind of an effect we are having.

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Thomas Robinson Whitworthian

Associate professor of English Laurie Lamon discusses a student's poem during her poetry class last Friday in Westminster.

Lamon honored by Poet Laureate

Blair Tellers
Staff writer

When a letter from the Library of Congress first arrived at associate professor of English Laurie Lamon's house bearing the news that she had been awarded the prestigious 2007 Witter Bynner Award with a \$10,000 fellowship, Lamon initially thought the letter was just asking for a donation.

"I put it aside at first because I thought it was a request for funds, because I get so many of those," Lamon said. "Then I went back and opened it and was like, oh, oh my gosh."

Laurie Lamon Recognitions

►Witter Bynner Fellowship, 2007

►Artist Trust/Washington State Arts Commission Fellowship, 2005

►Graves Award, American Council of Learned Societies, 2002

►Pushcart Prize, 2001

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Want to read more about Laurie Lamon's poetry? Check it out at:
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Lamon is a Whitworth alumna with a doctorate from the University of Utah and a M.F.A. from the University of Montana, as well as the recipient of numerous honors and awards.

The Witter Bynner Fellowships, whose purpose is to support the writing of poetry, ask their recipients to organize a reading in their hometown and then participate in a reading and recording session at the Library of Congress. Because applications are not taken for the fellowships, Lamon said she was shocked upon learning the news.

"I was completely stunned," Lamon said. "It was a huge surprise."

The fellowship was awarded by Donald Hall, the Library of Congress' residing Poet Laureate. Hall also chose

journalist David Tucker, but for awhile Lamon did not know who the other recipient was.

"It was all shrouded in secrecy until the middle of March," said Lamon. "They wanted it to be a sort of big media event, and then have it ripple back to our own communities ... but I had to tell some people in my own department."

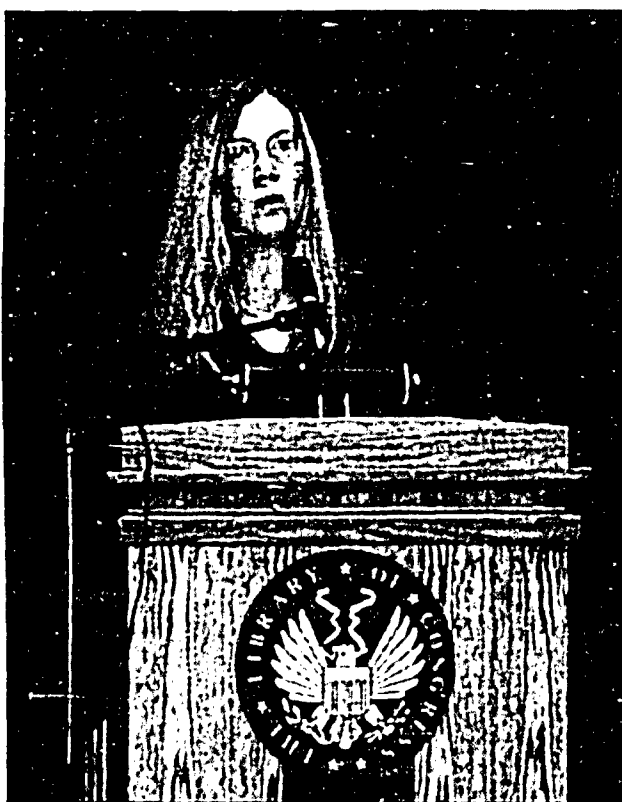


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Lamon reads a poem at a ceremony March 29 at the Library of Congress. Lamon received the Witter Bynner Fellowship from Donald Hall, the current Poet Laureate.

Lamon, who has corresponded with Donald Hall for over ten years, said seeing him as the Poet Laureate during her visit to Washington D.C. was extraordinary.

"Months before I had sent him flowers, and then I had recently sent him flowers again to thank him for the award," Lamon said. "When I first saw him in Washington he was in his wheelchair. He opened up his arms and said, 'So many flowers!' It was really sweet. There's a relationship there that I really prize."

One of the amazing aspects of her trip was how everyone kept extending generousities to Lamon and her husband,

Lamon said. He and Lamon were given a private tour of the Library of Congress' reading room by the man who was in charge of taping the reading.

"The room was absolutely amazing and very historical," said Lamon. "It was beautiful and elegant, full of books, chairs and a television. The ceilings and mosaics in the room were just exquisite. It's one of the most beautiful parts of the Library of Congress."

Lamon said the best part about the tour was that the man who showed them around had worked in Library of Congress for over 20 years.

"We both love history, and that was just a wonderful gift to us," Lamon said of her very first visit to D.C.

The reading took place in front of an audience of about 100 people in the Mumford Room inside the Madison building. Lamon read selected poems from her debut book "The Fork Without Hunger," as well as some selections from a newer manuscript.

Some of Lamon's most well known poems are from a series of works called the "pain poems." In 2001 Lamon received the Pushcart Prize Award for her poem "Pain Thinks of the Beautiful Table."

"If people like my work, they like the pain poems. But they are very hard to hear. They're so dense and layered that I'm sometimes reluctant to read the more complex ones. But this was a poetry savvy audience," Lamon said of listeners at the D.C. reading.

In terms of the origin of the pain poems, Lamon explained they began at a dark moment in her life right after a hit-and-run car accident.

"I was facing a crisis in my life, and I was trying to write poems," said Lamon. "In order to keep writing poems I had to confront this pain in my life, and it was the biggest wall I had to face: So I wrote about pain. The first pain poem I wrote was 'Pain Tries to Think of Something,' which, in a way, was a joke, because when you're in pain that's all you can think about. But personifying pain itself gave me a vehicle or technique to explore things."

Lamon said she is apt to examine the smaller details in life that may otherwise go unnoticed, and often uses them as a tools when exploring the self and the other.

"Those sort of borders between us and the world ... I want to walk right up to those and stick my nose up to them and see them, and my poetry sort of captures that," Lamon said.

Hawaiian club transforms Fieldhouse into luau arena

Caleb Knox
Staff writer

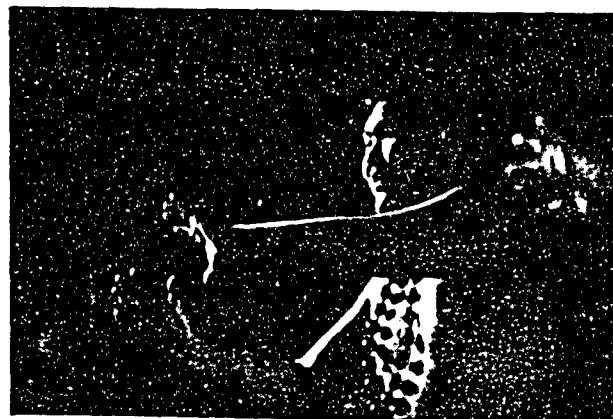
"Na Pu'uwai o Hawai'i," Whitworth's Hawaiian club, put on their 37th - annual luau Saturday evening. The luau consisted of a traditional Hawaiian dinner and show.

The club transformed the Fieldhouse into an authentic luau arena, complete with tiki torches and hibiscus flowers. Visitors were welcomed into the Fieldhouse with shell necklaces and an assortment of activities. Younger attendees especially enjoyed learning basic hula steps and twirling poi balls. Club members' families flew in from Hawaii, and brought gifts that were available for purchase at the "Country Store." There was also a raffle for various prizes donated by local businesses, including the Hula Hut Grill and Rosauers.

The feast consisted of 12 authentic Hawaiian dishes imported from Hawaii and prepared by club members, including kalua pig, shoyu chicken, lomi salmon and kal-bi style beef. For dessert, visitors were treated to haupia and pineapple upside-down cake.

Dinner was followed by a display of Hawaiian dance. The show's theme was "Ho'ololi I Mele" (Changes in Music.) The scene was set with a prayer in the traditional Hawaiian language and the blowing of conch shells. Dancers from Hawaii and the mainland presented the history of Hawaiian music through 12 traditional dance routines dating from the early 1700s to the present.

Traditional Hawaiian dances tell stories, and the dances of "Ho'ololi I Mele" were no exception. Stories of love, mermaids and visiting dignitaries were among those told by the club's 50 dancers.



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Graduate student Matt Kamada dances at the luau.

Scene

Idol spotlights campus issues

Rapper responds to comments from letter

Linda Poort
Staff writer

The annual Pirate Idol contest featured acts from classical music to hard rock. Many contestants wrote their own songs, like second-place winner junior Jermaine Easterlin. He wrote his rap song because of a letter to the editor in The Whitworthian about racial issues on campus.

"After reading the letter I really wanted to write a song about it, because it made a big impact on me," Easterlin said. "I just finished it last night and before I got on stage, I was still memorizing my words. I just hope that the impact of the song was positive."

Freshmen Ryan Darbonne and Brian Jenks were both the audience's and the judge's favorites in the contest last Thursday. The duo, named Passion Fruit, performed an act called "Tribute to Hip-Hop."

Dressed in wannabe hip-hop outfits and armed with guitars, they brought a medley of hip-hop songs, accompanied with different voices and dance moves.

"We had this idea in our heads for a while, but we only finalized it last night," Darbonne said. "Our performance was mainly planned, but emotions and excitement on stage are

things you can not plan, it simply happened when the curtains opened."

Seniors Ben Leighton and Adam Jones emceed the event. Their job was to entertain the audience during the breaks between acts.

Another performer was freshman Caroline May. She performed the song "Wannabe" by the Spice Girls. With her dance moves, she got the whole auditorium to cheer, laugh and clap. She did not win, but she was not the only one who had to walk out empty-handed.

Assistant professor of communication studies Alan Mikkelsen, assistant professor of physics Kamesh Sankaran and Hope Webster from Sodexo each scored the contestants on creativity and originality, enthusiasm and crowd appeal. In addition, there were negative points for going over the time limit.

At the end, all the judges compiled their opinions of each of their top five performances and picked the ones with the most votes as first, second and third place. Sankaran said.

"Apart from the winners, ... I also liked the performance by [freshman] Djamel [Adib] very much, but unfortunately we had to penalize him for going over his allotted time," Sankaran said.

Adib did know that there was a time limit, but he assumed the music would be cut off when the three minutes were over.

He just kept on playing when his main part ended, he said. He is not sad he was disqualified.

"I had a lot of fun and the audience was great," Adib said.



Freshman Ryan Darbonne plays guitar and sings at Pirate Idol last Thursday. Darbonne and freshman Brian Jenks won the event.

PIRATE IDOL RESULTS

First Place: Passion Fruit (Ryan Darbonne and Brian Jenks) performed their "Tribute to Hip-Hop" on guitars

Second Place: Jermaine Easterlin as J-Rock rapped his self-composed "Let's Stay Together"

Third Place: Bop Gun (Tim Assad, Brandon Cate, Kevin Johnson, Peter Labberton and Erika Raborn)

Vinyl influence can be seen throughout history

Caleb Knox
Staff writer

Before the days of the mp3 revolution, before CDs, before cassettes and their short-lived cousins, the 8-tracks, one audio format ruled the land: the vinyl record. This polyvinyl chloride master of disaster was everywhere, and it dominated the music industry from its inception in 1895 until the compact disc hit shelves in 1982.

For some reason, I have very concrete memories in my head of the vinyl record throughout history. These are not accurate in the least, but I would like to pretend that they are. Please disregard any and all anachronisms, accepting them as truth. I already have.

First of all, the ancient Egyptians obviously listened to a lot of Michael Jackson, especially "Thriller," the best-selling LP of all time. Their ostentatious tomb

designs pale in comparison to Jackson's Neverland resort, and they shared mysterious affinities for children and exotic animals. In addition, King Tutankhamen is widely accepted as the inventor of the "scratching" technique used by many disc jockeys.

I like to think about Joan of Arc preparing for the Hundred

Years' War by strapping on her armor to the tune of "Pump Up The Jam" by Technotronic or "We Will Rock You" by Queen. If

Jock Jams works for today's athletes, why couldn't it have worked for warriors 500 years ago?

The reason pirates are so strongly associated with a specific sound is because they had a solar-powered turntable on board throughout the Golden Age of Piracy, backing up their swashbuckling with what eventually became the soundtrack for "Pirates of the Caribbean: The

Curse of the Black Pearl." The only irritation for Blackbeard and his buddies was when they would have to stop fighting to switch from side A to side B.

Or how about Albert Einstein walking into the lab, lowering the needle onto Bob Dylan's "Blood On The Tracks" before furiously working on the theory of relativity? Perhaps as he scratches on the chalkboard, he ironically discovers $E = MC^2$ just as "Idiot Wind" finishes.

We all know that John Lennon was some sort of demigod, but what people don't realize is that because of his song "Give Peace a Chance," war ended around the globe. When the song was re-mastered for the new compact disc format, riots erupted all over the world. This explains why there were no wars from 1969 until 1982.

Throughout the years, the vinyl record has withstood attacks from new, more exciting audio formats. But vinyl has stood the test of time, even if only for niche collectors. The format is very much alive; many records are still

being released in LP format. I own albums by The Shins and Sufjan Stevens on vinyl, among others. It may take some searching at independent record stores or online, but new records are still being produced.

I bought my turntable and a bag of records at a garage sale for \$20 and I haven't regretted it for a second. I love the cracks and pops as the record starts spinning and the idiosyncrasies of the machine's mechanisms.

There's an inexplicable romance between the listener and the music when you watch the record circling on the turntable, gently spinning your world into relevance. Everything seems right with the world when the fireplace is going and a record is quietly spinning, pausing only once every half-an-hour.

"Off the Record" is a music column by Caleb Knox. Knox is a junior majoring in English and Journalism. Direct all comments and ideas to cknox08@whitworth.edu



City LIFE

Bloomsday race registration now available

Registration for running in the 31st Annual Running of the Lilac Bloomsday Run is now available.

The 12K run will take place on May 6. Over 50,000 people are expected to participate in the commemorative run. Registration is available on their Web site www.bloomsday-run.org until April 22.

Entry forms can also be found at Washington Trust Banks and Safeway grocery stores. Mailed entries are due April 17. Registration is \$14 per person.

Critical Bill to perform at Big Easy on Friday

Hip-hop rapper Critical Bill will be playing at the Big Easy concert house this Friday. The tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door.

Kutt Calhoun, a rapper who just released debut album B.L.E.V.E., is playing with Critical Bill. Tragedy and Knothead will be opening the show. The show starts at 8 p.m. and the doors open at 7 p.m.

Urban plans Spokane stop for September

Keith Urban is coming to the Spokane Arena on Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. The tickets are available at www.ticketwest.com. The price of the tickets range from \$49.50 to \$59.50.

The country star is known for songs "You'll Think of Me" and "Days Go By." This singer/songwriter just released his album, "Love, Pain & the Whole Crazy Thing."

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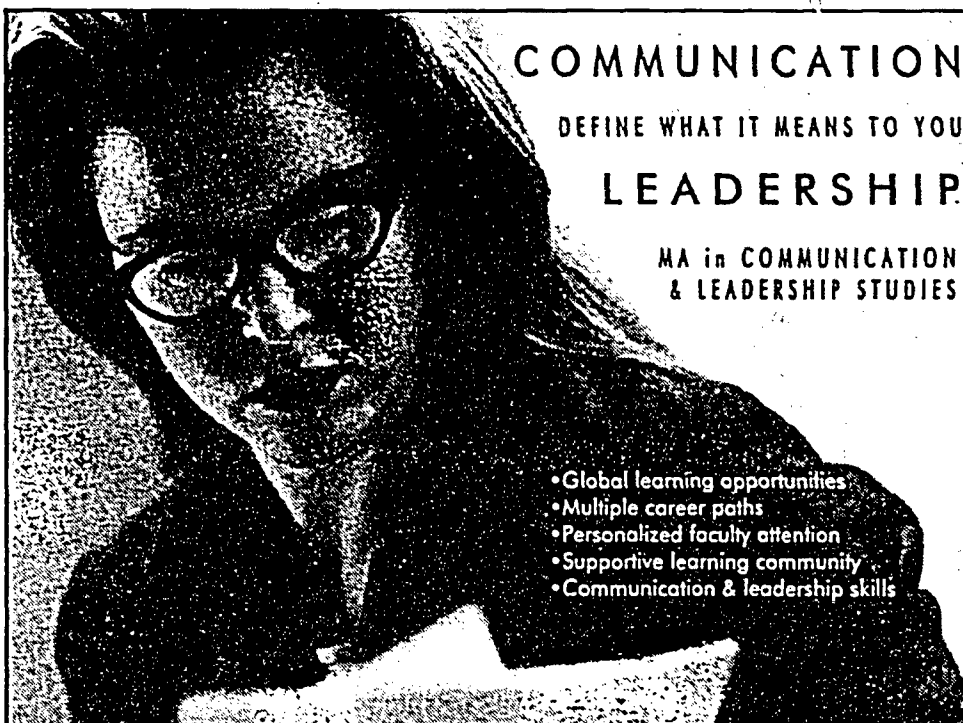
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Get Lit program brings writers for workshop

On April 20 three Get Lit writers will lead an interactive student workshop to read their work and talk to students. The event takes place in the Music Recital Hall at 10:45 a.m. and is free.

The writers include: author Jim Daniel and Karen Karbo, who won the Pacific NW Booksellers Award in 2005. Laurie Lamon will moderate the event.

All students who attend will receive free tickets to all the Festival on Saturday.

Comedian from 'Reno 911' per- forming Friday

Comedian Kyle Dunnigan will be performing at 9:30 p.m. this Friday in the Hixson Union Building multipurpose room.

Dunnigan has been featured in the Comedy Central hit "Reno 911" as well as advertisements for Carl's Jr. Admission is free.

Compiled by Kelly MacDonald

Scene

McGonigal explores shalom and calling

Bethany Hergert
Staff writer

Dean of the Seeley G. Mudd chapel Terry McGonigal is in the process of writing a book about shalom, and the Christian responsibility to live a life honoring God's creation of shalom.

Shalom is not simply peace in cease-fire sense of the word, McGonigal said, but is far deeper than that.

The book, with the working title "My Peace I Give You: Shalom is God's Gift and Our Calling," is in two parts. It begins with "My Peace I Give You," a tracing of the theme of shalom from creation through the gospels. The second part, "Shalom is God's Gift and Our Calling," deals with how shalom applies to how Christians should live.

McGonigal believes shalom is something that can be traced in God's message to humanity throughout the Bible, and something that is deeper than conflict resolution.

"Shalom is the way things are supposed to be as God created the universe. That's what shalom is," McGonigal said. "The standard is Genesis 1 and 2, and in Jesus we find God reestablishing the shalom that was originally created."

McGonigal, who came to Whitworth in 1994, began looking deeply into the topic nearly seven years ago.

A serious illness in 2000 first sparked McGonigal's interest in shalom.

"I needed to do the study for my own spiritual needs at that point," McGonigal said.

After overcoming his disease, McGonigal continued studying shalom in conference with 40 leaders from InterVarsity Christian Fellowship in 2002. It was after this that McGonigal began to take a serious interest in pursuing the spreading of shalom.

"The history of our nation, and the horrible things we have done to each other, created this passion in me," McGonigal said.

McGonigal began teaching on the subject in various arenas such as church settings, confer-



Thomas Robinson Whitworthian
Dean of the chapel Terry McGonigal and Rev. Rodney McAuley lead a panel discussion last Tuesday for Festival of Shalom. McGonigal is working on a book to integrate shalom with vocation.

ences and the Biblical theme of shalom class at Whitworth. Some people within the Christian community became interested in the topic after hearing him speak on the subject. They encouraged him to write a book about God's plan for humanity as it was meant to be.

"As I taught this material in various places, what I found is that this Biblical theme somehow resonates with people's hearts," McGonigal said. "They hear this and they say, 'This is the way I thought life was supposed to be, but I never had the language or the category to think about shalom in these terms.'"

Many of his students have similarly found that shalom is something that has expanded their knowledge not only of what shalom is, but God's purpose for it.

Freshman Katie Goodell said she feels the class has improved her grasp of shalom.

"Before I took the class I didn't have any idea what shalom meant, but now after being in

the class and hearing Terry talk about it, I see that it really is a wide encompassing theme," Goodell said. "If you are trying to find one common thread that describes God's kingdom, shalom would be one. Terry does a really good job of incorporating modern theological literature with biblical passages and his own extensive research."

Many people are influential in the process of producing this book, McGonigal said. His wife, Suzette McGonigal, is a constant support and feeds him with ideas and illustrations to use in the book.

McGonigal also has an editorial committee of sorts in theology and philosophy professors Jim Edwards, Jerry Sittser, Adam Neder and Keith Beebe. These professors get together and read and give feedback to each other's material.

"They are the ones who really helped formulate the architecture for the structure of the book," McGonigal said. "They read multiple drafts of ideas and help to formulate things."

The central idea behind the book is to connect God's theme of shalom with the theme of vocation as a Christian.

"I haven't found anybody who has connected in their writing this theme of shalom with a vocation as a way of living their life," McGonigal said. "I am writing this book as an act of obedience. I think this is part of my calling. I think this is what God wants me to do."

McGonigal believes that shalom is meant to be present in everything and is how everything is joined together.

However, when shalom is destroyed in one part, the whole is thrown out of balance. This book will instruct readers in how to work toward regaining this balance.

"The webbing together of God, humans, and all creation in justice, fulfillment, and delight is what the Old Testament prophets call shalom," McGonigal said. "Everything is interconnected and intertwined. When one part is affected, so are all parts. How then do we live in such a way that all the aspects of God's creation live in harmony and fullness?"

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Pirates fall to Whitman in regular-season finale

Colln Storm
Sports Editor

Looking to gain some momentum heading into the Northwest Conference playoffs this weekend, the Whitworth Pirates women's tennis team faced conference foe Whitman College Missionaries.

But there was no momentum to be found.

The Pirates took control early, taking a commanding lead in No. 1 doubles and kept pace at No. 2 doubles. But after the No. 3 team of junior Taryn Smith and sophomore Justine Hays lost 8-4, the No. 2 team of seniors Rachael McCoola and Betsy Johnson followed suit, losing by the same 8-4 score.

However, senior Katie Troxell and sophomore Linh Aven combined to win at No. 1 doubles by 8-5 margin.

In singles action, Whitworth's McCoola and Troxell both dropped matches at No. 1 and 3 respectively. The Pirates needed to win out for a chance at the team match.

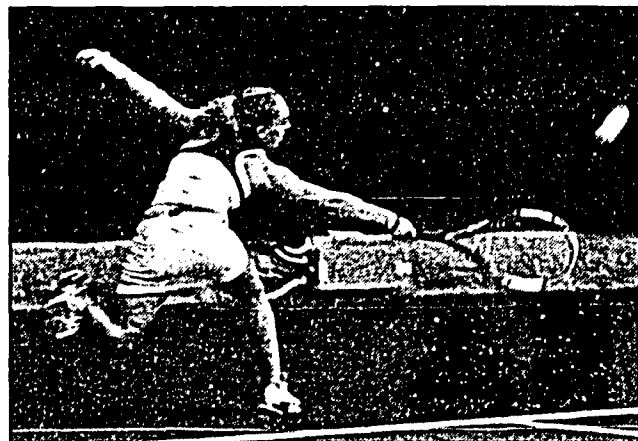
Aven lost a hard-fought match at No. 2, after taking an early lead in the first set. After going up a break ear-

ly, Whitman's Katie Collier fought back to win the first set 7-5. The second set belonged to Collier, closing out the match with a 6-1 win in the second.

Johnson and Smith both came back after losing their first sets to win their second, but neither could come up with a win in the third and deciding set. Johnson lost her super-tiebreaker 10-7, while Smith lost hers 10-5. Hays was the last one on the court as she jumped out to an early lead. But Whitman's Emily Smith fought back to defeat Hays 9-8 (7-4).

After winning three in a row, the Pirates look to end a three-match losing streak as they lost to Pacific Lutheran University 6-3 and Lewis-Clark State 7-2 earlier in the week. Hays pulled out two wins against the Lutes, teaming with Smith for a win at No. 3 doubles 9-8 (7), then holding on to beat Tracy Fujitani 7-5, 6-3. The other Pirate win came at No. 2 doubles where McCoola and Johnson teamed up for a 9-7 win in their inaugural match in the new tennis facility.

The Pirates will be the fifth seed in the Northwest Conference tournament, where they will have another shot at PLU. The Lutes beat the Pirates twice this sea-



Sophomore Justine Hays lunges for a backhand during her match against Whitman College last Friday.

son by the scores of 5-4 and 6-3. The winner will take on the top-seeded and 26th-ranked Linfield Wildcats in the NWC semifinals.

Pirates sweep Boxers

Pirates secure spot in NWC playoffs with a pair of 9-0 victories over Pacific

KT Pridgen
Staff writer

The Whitworth men's tennis team ended the regular season with two 9-0 wins at home last weekend.

"Pacific's tennis program is struggling a lot right now, so the challenge for us was making sure we didn't lower our level of play," senior Michael Carlson said. "Sometimes that's easy to do."

The Pirates could not have lowered their level of play too much because, despite sitting the No. 1 and No. 4 players on Saturday, the Pirates shut the Boxers out, winning 9-0. Carlson and junior Scott Donnell started the match with a strong 8-1 doubles win against Pacific's Josh Kai-Corpuz and Ryan Ford. Freshman Kellen Oetgen and sophomore Justin Jose also won their doubles match, 8-3, against Brett Honda and Nick Forgey of Pacific. Whitworth won the No. 3 match by default.

After winning all three doubles matches, the Pirates' dominance continued in the singles matches. Donnell opened up win a win of 6-0, 6-1 against Pacific's Kai-Corpuz. His win was followed by wins from Carlson at No. 2, senior Colin Storm at No. 3, junior Curran Scott at No. 4 and senior Trevor Strang at No. 5.

"We were missing a few of our key players, but all the guys that stuck around pulled through for us," Donnell said. "I was very proud of their efforts."

Whitworth won No. 6 singles by default, sealing the 9-0 win.

"There's a lot of stuff we need to work on, especially as we prepare for the conference tournament this coming weekend, but I think we're much stronger now than we were in the beginning of the season. We've grown a lot in confidence and skill," Carlson said.

On Sunday, the Pirates sat their top six players in singles, including Donnell, Carlson and Storm, putting usual No. 5 player, Oetgen, at No. 1. Whitworth still came away with a 9-0 victory.

Oetgen and Storm teamed up at No. 1 doubles to beat Kai-Corpuz and Ford 8-4. Abelar and Strang won at No. 2 doubles by a score of 8-1 to open up a 3-0 lead after



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Senior Michael Carlson hits a forehand during his doubles match with junior Scott Donnell last Friday. The pair teamed up for an 8-1 win in Carlson's final home match. The Pirates won 9-0.

doubles play, with Pacific once again defaulting at No. 3.

Jose picked up his first career singles win as he won at No. 5 singles 6-3, 6-1. Strang continued his dominance from the night before, earning his second straight singles win in as many days by beating Nick Forgey 6-0, 6-2. Scott won his second straight as well, beating Ryan Ford at No. 2 singles 7-6, 6-2.

Freshman Austin Abelar, who has been out with an injury for the last few weeks, returned to action by collecting a win in singles. He beat Honda at No. 3 singles 6-0, 6-0. Oetgen earned his first career win at No. 1 singles, beating Kai-Corpuz 6-0, 6-1. Pacific defaulted at No. 6 singles to give the Pirates the 9-0 win.

"I think it was a good way to end the season," Carlson said. "It was pretty laid back, no pressure."

The Pirates will vie for the Northwest Conference title next week in Yakima, Wash.

"Conference will be a challenge. We're going to have a difficult draw," Carlson said. "We're going to have to enter into the tournament focused and ready to compete."

The Pirates, the sixth seed in the tournament, will face third-seeded Linfield. The winner will advance to play Pacific Lutheran Friday afternoon, the loser will play the loser of the University of Puget Sound and Willamette University match on Saturday.

"We're going to have to enter into the tournament focused and ready to compete."

Michael Carlson,
senior

NCAA Tournament Nightmares

Peter Smelser
Editor-in-chief

Believe it or not, it has been 15 days since the championship game of the 2007 NCAA men's basketball tournament.

And I am not over it yet. In fact I am still suffering from post traumatic tournament syndrome. Let me explain.

FOR PETE'S SAKE

The Officials

This year's tournament was plagued by questionable officiating. Starting in Round One and continuing through the Elite Eight (when the refs put

their whistles away), there were a staggering number of offensive fouls called.

Maybe before the tournament started, the officials reviewed the rule book and got really excited that they found this thing called a "charge." Who knows, but the number of fouls called on the offense players was excessive.

Let us not forget two other ridiculous officiating moves. In Round Two, an offensive charge was called on Maryland's guard D.J. Strawberry, with the Terps trailing by two under a minute to go in the game. Questionable for sure, as Strawberry was in the air before the ball arrived and the Butler player taking the charge was definitely under the basket.

The second ridiculous move was a missed call. To propel Georgetown into the Elite Eight, Jeff Green hit a twirling-swirling shot with 2.5 seconds remaining. It was a blatant travel and should have been. Sorry Vandy, you got shafted.

The Lack of Cinderellas

It is a sad state when No. 6 seed Vanderbilt is the closest team that constitutes as a "Cinderella." The Commodores walloped George Washington before taking out local favorite Washington State in double-overtime.

Sure, VCU and Winthrop both won as double-digit seeds in the first round, but the No. 12 seeds were a whopping 0 for 4 in the first round.

Without a good Cinderella team, this year's tournament lacked some character.

The Celebrities

Does any man care if the camera is pointed at some random celebrity watching a basketball game? Unless it is Eva Longoria, men don't care, which leads to another cause of my nightmares.

This tournament was an exceptional year for random

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Baseball

NWC ALL

PLU	16-2	27-6
George Fox	16-5	25-5
UPS	13-8	14-17-1
Unfield	11-7	16-14
Whitworth	8-10	12-19
L&C	8-12	12-17
Willamette	7-13	14-18
Pacific	4-14	11-22
Whitman	3-15	5-24

Next Pirate game:
Whitworth vs. PLU (DH)
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Softball

NWC ALL

Whitworth	20-0	25-3
Unfield	19-1	28-4
Pacific	12-4-4	20-6-4
Willamette	10-8	16-11
PLU	6-12-2	12-13-2
UPS	6-14	17-15
George Fox	3-19	5-25
L&C	2-20-2	4-28-2

Next Pirate game:
Whitworth vs. Willamette (DH)
Saturday, April 21 @ Noon

Men's Tennis

NWC ALL

Whitman	16-0	22-5
PLU	14-2	14-9
Unfield	12-4	14-11
UPS	9-7	9-8
Willamette	8-8	9-10
Whitworth	6-10	6-15
George Fox	4-12	4-12
L&C	3-13	3-13
Pacific	0-16	0-16

Next Pirate match:
NWC Tournament (Yakima)
April 20-21

Women's Tennis

NWC ALL

Unfield	16-0	16-5
UPS	12-4	13-4
Whitman	12-4	16-6
PLU	11-5	13-5
Whitworth	8-8	9-11
Willamette	6-10	7-13
L&C	5-11	7-13
George Fox	1-15	1-16
Pacific	1-15	1-17

Next Pirate match:
NWC Tournament (Yakima)
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Athlete of THE WEEK



Brandon Howell
Junior

Broke school and track record in 800 meter.

Pirate sophomore involved in ROTC, varsity men's tennis

Renee Huggins
Staff writer

As Whitworth students get closer to finals week and the busiest time in the semester, one student already knows how it feels to spend long days and nights devoted to learning.

Sophomore Scott Bourne is an ROTC student, a varsity tennis player and an accounting major. Bourne is a Cadet Corporal, which is a second year ROTC enlistee, but, in credits, he has junior status at Whitworth.

"Even though I have enough credits to graduate next spring, I will be here another two years because the ROTC program requires four years, plus I have more classes to take," Bourne said.

It takes effective time management to be a student athlete, but it takes even greater amount of self-discipline to be a student athlete and an active soldier.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday are physical training (PT) days in which Bourne and the other ROTC cadets rise at six in the morning to do push-ups, sit-ups and then a three to four mile run. After PT, Bourne has two academic classes until 3 p.m. He gets an hour break until 4 p.m. when he heads to tennis practice.

After tennis practice ends at 5:45-6 p.m., Bourne goes to the Hixson Union Building to get dinner before the café closes. On either Monday or Tuesday nights at 9:30 p.m., Bourne travels to Gonzaga University for a half hour briefing about Leadership Lab the following Thursday. Tuesday and Thursday are Field Training days where the cadets apply the theories they are taught in classes.

"I have girlfriend at WSU whom I love to visit and roommate time," Bourne said. "I don't have much of a life outside of classes, so I spent

a lot of time doing homework. I also enjoy socializing and having collegiate discussions with peers."

During each semester of ROTC, the cadets have three mandatory exercise sessions, which can conflict with Bourne's tennis matches, which are held every weekend for the entire season.

"During the training sessions we work on Core Field Training Exercises (FTX) and Basic Rifle Marksmanship (BRM). These sessions take precedence over tennis, but I have not had to miss any key matches this year, so that is good," Bourne said.

As a four year letter winner, varsity tennis player at Shorewood High School and the 2004 doubles state champion, Bourne fits right in as an outstanding student athlete. The men's tennis team finished their season by qualifying for conference and sixth seed overall. Bourne plays both singles and doubles.

Junior Ed Anagon is his doubles partner and is ranked as the No. 1 player on the team. Together they comprise the No. 1 doubles team.

Breaking Records



Jesse Clark Whitworthian

Junior Brandon Howell races toward the finish line during his record-setting 800-meter run of 1:51.34. Howell broke the 42-year-old school record which had previously been 1:51.44. Freshmen Emmanuel Bofa (background) and Dusty Caseria shielded Howell from the wind during the run.

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has-been celebrities. The list included Patrick Ewing, John Thompson (the original), Christian Laettner and my all-time favorite, Bill Walton.

Walton is so 1990s. The guy cannot make a color comment during an NBA game without bringing up Shaq or Kobe. CBS should focus on the games, not the fans, next year.

The Announcers

Finally, sportscasters Jim Nantz and Billy Packer finished this year a close runner-up as the worst commentators of the tournament. Nantz sounded like he was calling golf, not basketball, throughout the tournament.

The worst commenting duo was James Brown and Len Elmore. I feel sorry for Len, because Brown was aw-

ful. He spoke slowly and was consistently behind the action. CBS should really keep him in the studio.

Also, can anyone tell me why Gus Johnson only called one weekend of basketball? Johnson is by far one of the best play-by-play announcers around and has been seared in my mind forever with last year's call of the UCLA-Gonzaga game. Who can know forgot Johnson emphatic repetition of "What a game!" At least he got to call the Ohio State-Xavier overtime game.

This year's tournament was a bit of let down. It started with the average margin of victory in the first round being roughly 16 points.

It ended with Ohio State's failure to hit anything from beyond the arc in the title game and being swept embarrassingly by Florida in big games in 2007 (BCS Championship Game included).

Thank goodness baseball season has started, maybe my nightmares will end.

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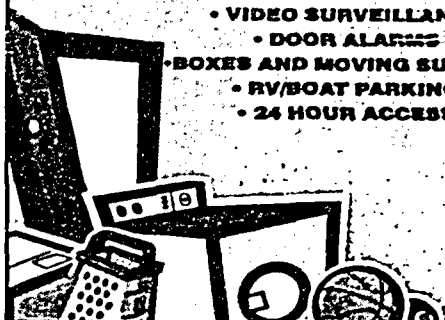
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ASWC President Fa'ana Fanene speaks to the ASWC subcommittee as executive vice president Andrea Naccarato and Schumacher representative Lacey Offutt listen in last Sunday.

ASWC makes demands

Assembly proposes changes to Core, freshman seminar class

Jessica Davis
News editor
Tim Takechi
Staff writer

An ASWC subcommittee met earlier this week to comprise a list of demands to be sent to the president's cabinet next week.

The subcommittee synthesized recommendations discussed at last week's ASWC meeting, including revisions to Core curriculum, American diversity classes, freshman seminar, freedom of clubs and faculty composition.

As of Sunday night, the letter will recommend the Core 150 team revise curriculum to include more non-Christian worldviews, have Core 250 provide a better understanding of world cultures and add more classes to American diversity requirements.

At the Wednesday meeting, ASWC discussed a required meeting to discuss proposed changes and diversity issues.

Director of student activities Dayna Coleman Jones reminded assembly members that, as representatives, the body did not need to bring these ideas before students.

Coleman Jones encouraged the assembly to take action instead of waiting for more student input. As representatives, ASWC members are privy to conversations students could never be informed about, Coleman Jones said.

"Don't ignore this system; use it," Coleman Jones said.

Members of the BSU A.C.T.I.O.N. committee already presented a letter to the president's cabinet before spring break, said recently hired cultural events coordinator Michelle Bess.

The letter was not a list of demands but ideas from students proposing changes on campus, Bess said.

ASWC discussed but made no decision to provide more oversight to the A.C.T.I.O.N. Team, which was given power by ASWC during a March 7 meeting. Stewart senator Kendra Hamilton was supposed to attend the subcommittee meeting as the ASWC representative April 7, but said she forgot to go.

Administrator's responded to the A.C.T.I.O.N. Team letter during last Tuesday's GE 330 meeting, which was opened up to all students.

At last week's GE 330 meeting, ASWC leaders discussed issues of diversity related to the Core program and racial reconciliation on campus.

Visiting the meeting with suggestions were professor of psychology Jim Waller and Chaplain Terry McGonigal, both of whom spoke to the group about what measures students could

take to make the desired changes at Whitworth.

The meeting commenced with discussion concerning a few suggestions made by the BSU-led A.C.T.I.O.N. team to the administration.

A letter was sent to President Bill Robinson and his cabinet shortly before spring break talking about how the Core program needs to address more issues of diversity and teach perspectives outside the worldview of European Christians.

"I do want people to hear that Core is being discussed by faculty to cover more diversity issues," Waller said.

Waller said the Core program leaders considered making the Core requirements consist of Core 150, 200, 250 and 350, which would allow for an extra semester to cover non-European worldviews.

A few years ago, he and professor of English Doug Sugano worked with the administration to add the American diversities requirement for graduation.

Making such changes is a slow process but can succeed if all the rights steps are taken, Waller said.

Outside Core, the group picked up a discussion started initially at a Mar. 14 ASWC meeting proposing to change the curriculum of Freshmen Seminar. Adding seminar requirements for sophomores, juniors and seniors were also brought up as possibilities.

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Cultural change slow for college

De Andra Kenoly
Staff writer

Improving the racial climate for Whitworth students and faculty has been an administrative goal for many years.

When President Robinson came to Whitworth in 1993, he made an effort to examine the campus climate. He met with various clubs on campus and talked with international students, Robinson said.

"I invited a group of students, staff and faculty over to discuss some of the things we could do to make Whitworth a warmer climate for students of color in particular as well as faculty and staff," Robinson said.

The next year, the special assistant to the president for diversity position was created, later renamed special assistant to the president for intercultural relations. Gordon Watanabe was appointed to fill the title.

"My role is to work with the president and the president's cabinet on intercultural relations issues," Watanabe said.

Before Robinson's arrival, Whitworth had made strides to bring about cultural diversity.

Starting in the 1980s, the Affirmative Action Committee had been a successful program.

Gregory Hamann, former director of human resources, said the Affirmative Action program focused on hiring and employment practices.

"The AA Committee at Whitworth worked mostly with search committees and came to assert that applicants' membership in an under-represented 'protected class' — especially gender, color, and ethnicity — constituted an 'additional qualification' and thereby gave them an advantage over other, otherwise qualified candidates," Hamann said.

Hamann recalled some people were not open to the idea of having the Affirmative Action Committee.

"This idea was met with some resistance because some believed that this could result in the college hiring someone other than the best qualified candidate[s]," Hamann said.

Watanabe also recalled the resistance.

"The Affirmative Action Com-

mittee over time had become more adversarial than educational," Watanabe said. "It was decided to change the Affirmative Action Committee."

In 1994, the Affirmative Action Committee was changed to the Diversity Committee, according to Watanabe.

The Diversity Committee focused on training faculty members in intercultural relations.

"It was to help people understand their own culture, their own belief system, and values around differences," Watanabe said. "It was also to gain skills that were necessary to help them work better across differences and across culture."

Problems arose when faculty members couldn't carve out time to go to training sessions.

"We didn't give the trainers extra time," Watanabe said. "We expected that out of their time they would be able to do the training, and these were very busy people, so I ended up doing

most of the training."

Watanabe said the Diversity Committee was suspended in 1999.

"People felt like it had served its purpose of helping search committees locate a more diverse pool," Watanabe said. "That was also a reason for changing here as pools were getting more diverse because search committees were getting better at making sure they had more diversity in their search pools."

During this time, the assistant dean of student programming and diversity position was created.

In 2002, the Act Six program was formed to bring in students of color with leadership skills to the Whitworth campus to help promote cultural diversity among the student body.

According to the official Web site, Act Six is a leadership and scholarship program that, "connects urban ministries and faith-based colleges in order to equip emerging urban leaders to engage the college campus and their communities at home."

To date, 40 students from the Act Six program remain on campus. The first group of students, cadre one, will be graduating this May.

Although Whitworth has made

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Unallocated funds running out for students

As some student organizations found out a few weeks ago, unallocated funds in ASWC are running out.

In the April 4 ASWC meeting, the assembly had to give three organizations requesting money less than they asked for.

"We simply didn't have the money for those requisitions," financial vice president Jeff Hixson said.

Record number of students vote in the elections

Close to 950 voters turned out last week to elect the first executive officers of Associated Students of Whitworth University.

Lecturer calls students to act on Darfur crisis

Rick Leatherberry, the missions pastor at First Presbyterian in Bellevue, gave a lecture to educate Whitworth students last Thursday about the genocide in Darfur, and encourage them to get involved.

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CONFUSED: Students frustrated over new policy

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Athletic director Scott McQuilkin said he was only asked for the roster of fall and winter athletes.

"What I was asked for was a roster of next season's fall [and winter] athletes," McQuilkin said. "So we sent over the list."

McQuilkin said he took care to make sure only returning in-season athletes would be able to register. He was not aware current juniors were not supposed to pre-register.

"My hope is that there's not some perception that the athletic tail is trying to wag the academic dog," McQuilkin said.

Associate professor of athletic training Melinda Larson and McQuilkin confirmed athletic trainers were allowed to pre-register, which was not previously mentioned by Le Roy.

"The athletic training students were allowed to register early just like the in-season athletes because they have a similar scheduling requirement," Larson said in an e-mail.

Women and men's basketball, women and men's golf, women and men's swimming, women and men's cross country, volleyball, football and women and men's soccer, all fall and winter sports, were allowed to register early as permitted, according to e-mail confirmation sent from athletes in those respective sports.

According to athletes, the men's tennis team and parts of the track team, both spring sports, were allowed to register.

Softball, baseball and women's tennis were not allowed to register early, according to e-mails from athletes.

"I never received an e-mail (about registering early), I am just as confused as everyone else," pitcher Brent Flyberg said in an e-mail.

According to an e-mail from Le Roy, coaches were supposed to designate athletes.

"After some discussion of this issue in a March meeting of Department Chairs we determined that it made sense to allow fall athletes, designated by their coaches, to register with the seniors," according to the e-mail.

Hayford said he received an e-mail from McQuilkin on March 31 requesting the names of returning basketball players for the purpose of helping those student athletes enroll in classes that preserved the afternoon practice. The e-mail did not specify that current juniors would not be allowed to pre-register.

"I appreciate that the Registrar and Michael

Le Roy are trying to help out athletes," Hayford said. "I don't think all the right people were at the table."

To his knowledge, Hayford said no coaches were consulted before this policy was implemented.

Le Roy said in an e-mail the main reason behind this policy was to cut back on the number of classes athletes missed due to games and practices missed due to schedule conflicts.

"There are many occasions where coaches practice for an entire season without their full team present due to section conflicts with practice times," Le Roy said in an e-mail.

Hayford agrees this is a problem.

"It seems to me over the past six years that I've been the head men's basketball coach more and more classes are being offered between the hours of 4 and 6 p.m. and this create problems for student athletes," Hayford said.

McQuilkin said because Whitworth moved from NAIA to Division III in the late 90s, teams have had to travel farther to compete.

"We often leave for road trips early in the afternoon," McQuilkin said. "Having classes earlier in the day equates to fewer absences."

McQuilkin said he hopes the community understands faculty and coaches are trying to row in the same direction and not against each other.

McQuilkin is also a team member of Core 350. As group sections grow, it becomes harder to manage the sections, McQuilkin said. The solution, as far as he knows, is to dump the sophomores out of Core 350 to make room for graduating students.

A large number of students across campus erupted in protest over this new policy.

Many science classes closed early. Junior Ashley Smithers, a Biology major, was able to get into the classes she needed to graduate.

"I love athletes. It's just frustrating for seniors especially," Smithers said.

A Facebook group, "Why do athletes get to register first?" created by junior David Zumini encouraged students to sign a petition started by junior Shawna Sheppard.

"Allowing athletes to register earlier shows a general preference for accommodating athletics before academics," Zumini said in an e-mail. "I don't believe that this fits with what Whitworth claims to be about."

The Facebook group had over 120 members as of last Sunday.

"To non-athletes it is somewhat insulting," Zumini said. "It shows them that they aren't as valued to the school as athletes are."

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improvement in creating a more diverse campus, there is still room for improvement, Robinson said.

"We've made some progress, but we're still not where we want to be. It's hard to feel great about our progress because we are still short of where we want to be," Robinson said.

When the strategic plan was passed in 2005, one of its goals was to increase intercultural competencies amongst students, faculty and staff.

"We've created the new Intercultural Relations Committee (ICRC) to coordinate efforts found in the strategic plan and more around our climate needs," Watanabe said.

Watanabe said the on-going effort to work on the curriculum in order to use that vehicle to help students learn about differences.

"We are looking at how our orientation and freshmen programs can be further accessed to assist in this effort," Watanabe said. "Changes have been made and we continue to add intercultural methods to these two critical programs."

Watanabe said there has been talk of adding a Core 200 course.

"One program that may [be] useful here is a Core 200 program that would give all or most students [an] intercultural communication background," Watanabe said. "We are now talking about rethinking that."

Robinson added, "Simultaneously, we need to work on our culture here on campus and we need to work on drawing people of color into this community."

One thing that Robinson said that we need to work on as a community was something within the individual.

"I think we always need to work on empathy," Robinson said. "There needs to be a deeper sense of what it's like to be in the other person's situation."

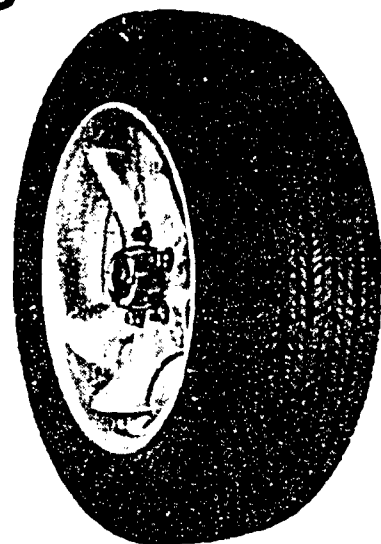
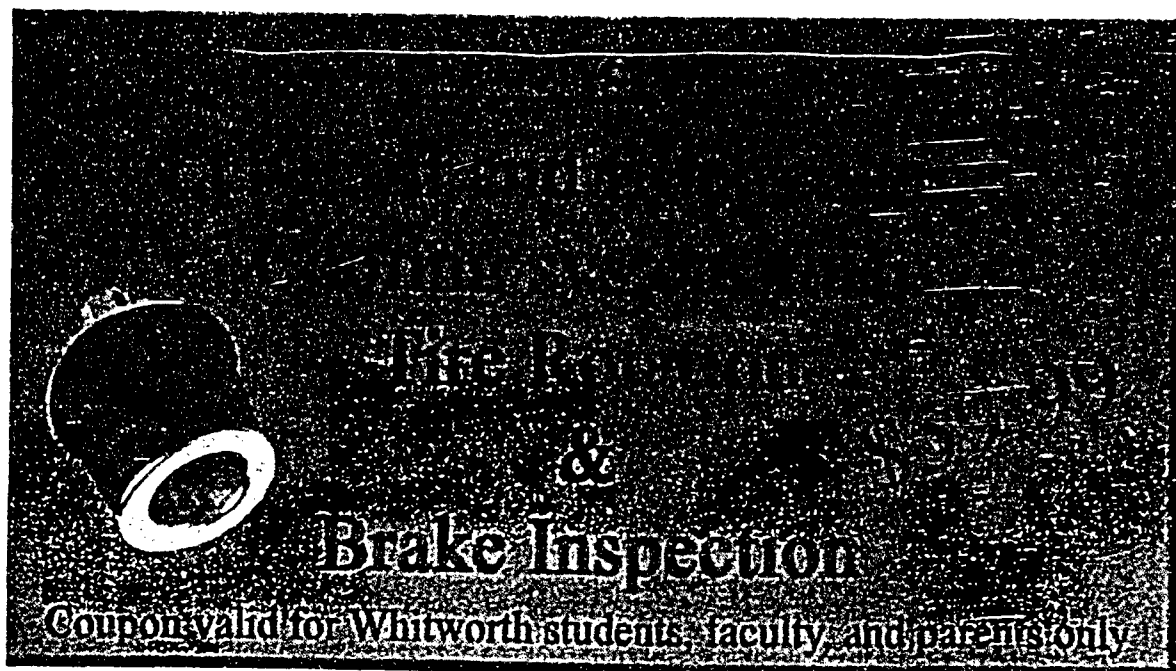
According to Watanabe, change for Whitworth will be a long process.

"Change is slow everywhere, and this is cultural change we are trying to do, so it's going to be slow," Watanabe said.



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Pirates find warm weather during Spring Break



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Women's tennis records big win in Hilton Head, S.C.

Rachael McCoola
Guest writer

Hilton Head, S.C. White sandy beaches, warm and humid weather, villa on the golf course. Spring break '07.

Saturday, March 26, at 6 a.m., the women's tennis team headed to the East Coast for a Spring Break full of challenging matches, beautiful weather and plenty of beach time. Sunday morning began with a quick warm up on the clay courts right outside our villa and ended with a loss to Middlebury, the ninth-ranked team in the nation. However, we did not lose without a fight.

The other matches were more suc-

cessful. We found a win in the middle of the week against Oberlin 6-3 and ended the week losing 7-2 to Wisconsin-Whitewater, who is ranked 16th in the nation.

Although most of the week was spent at the tennis courts, either playing or watching the guys team play, we were able to enjoy plenty of hours playing in the ocean, a two-block walk from our villa.

On our day off, we rented bikes and explored the island. We took a ride across the sandy beaches, some on an adventure to find hemp, making them cross six lanes of traffic in a roundabout and others just enjoying being outside in the beautiful weather.

On one particular ride, Angela An-

gon and I had to cross a river that was created from the outpour of the ocean. We decided, since we were so close to the ocean, that we should be able to ride right across the river. I was still a little hesitant so I let the fearless Angela go ahead of me. After about two pedal rotations, which seemed to go well, Angela's bike, with her still on top, instantly sunk about two feet. I then decided to get off my bike and carry it across.

Hilton Head was a wonderful spot for the Whitworth women's tennis team to spend Spring Break. It provided a week of tough competition and fun, which gave the team an edge as they continued regular season play the last weekend of Spring Break.

Journal from Hilton Head

Michael Carlson
Guest writer

The men's and women's tennis teams went to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina for Spring Break. We stayed in a villa at the Palmetto Dunes Resort. The women's house was only a few houses down, so we spent most nights hanging out together, barbecuing, playing games, playing mixed-doubles, watching movies and watching Ed Anegon and his sister, Angela, wrestle.

One night we decided to go out for a fancy dinner. Though the food was good, the portions were glaringly disproportional to the price. Curran Scott was the first to discover this when the waitress brought him his steak, which was the diameter of a silver dollar. Some of us spent quite a bit of time on the beach as well; the Atlantic Ocean was warmer than we expected. But it wasn't all fun and games.

One night during a van ride back from dinner, some of us entered into a conversation about the important things in life. Jo Wagstaff, the women's coach, shared some of her thoughts on topics such as marriage, relationships and life in general. The conversation was edifying to all those involved.

The tennis was competitive. We played three matches and we lost them all. Though our first match against Oberlin was close (5-4), our latter two opponents (Missouri-St. Louis and Wisconsin-Whitewater) proved to be much stronger. But that's precisely why we go down there: to play teams that are better than us to make us better. Despite our record that week, we improved greatly. We took the opportunity to try some new things with our singles lineup and also to experiment with some new doubles combinations. All of our changes thus far have proven fruitful and we will keep them for the conference tournament coming up this weekend.

After a challenging and fun week, the men's team had a few mishaps on the plane ride home. Due to a flight cancellation, we spent an extra five hours in the Washington D.C. airport. Eventually we got home. All in all, Spring Break was a blast.

Softball traveled to California to take on traditional D-III powers and test strength

Lindsay Davis
Guest writer

Heading off to sunny California, we were excited to play some softball. We played our first doubleheader against the University of Redlands, a familiar foe from the first round of regionals last year.

We won our first game, continuing our 12-game undefeated streak, but unfortunately the streak came to a halt after losing the second game.

The next day we were scheduled to play Williams College at 1 p.m. and Chapman University at 3 p.m. Williams ended up dropping out of the Chapman tournament and,

without being informed, our game against Chapman was moved up to 1 p.m. We didn't leave our hotel until 1 p.m. and after a few wrong turns we arrived at the field just in time to find out that we had a very short time to warm up.

Fortunately the game before us went long and we were able to get a good 20 minute warm-up before

the game. With no luck with us and a pitching duel, we ended up dropping another game to Chapman putting our record at 12-2.

On our final day of games, we were scheduled to play a doubleheader against La Verne University. We beat La Verne after nine innings and ended up losing the second game.

Going into the California trip, we expected to win all five of our games and going 2-3 was disappointing. But in the end we grew as team and connected to one another to go into the following weeks sweeping George Fox University and University of Puget Sound making us undefeated in conference.

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SPRING BREAK

Students traveled near and far during a break from classes the week of March 26-30.

TOP: Junior Kendel Huff looks across the water of Lake Pend Oreille in Idaho.

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TOP RIGHT: Juniors Shealyn Campbell and Vanessa Curry and senior Jessie Jelsing stand in front of the Pirates of the Caribbean ride in Disneyland.

Photo courtesy of Jessie Jelsing

RIGHT MIDDLE: Students fix a flat tire during a 10-mile bike ride around the Wenatchee, Wash. bike loop.

Photo courtesy of Brittany Johnston

FAR RIGHT MIDDLE: In the S.E.R.V.E. trip to Mexico, students helped build a house for the Lopez family.

Photo courtesy of Samantha Keenan

RIGHT: Freshman Laura Rooper discovers she is too big for the slide.

Photo courtesy of Laura Rooper

FAR RIGHT: Freshman Felicia Clark sits on a log over the Merced River in Yosemite National Park.

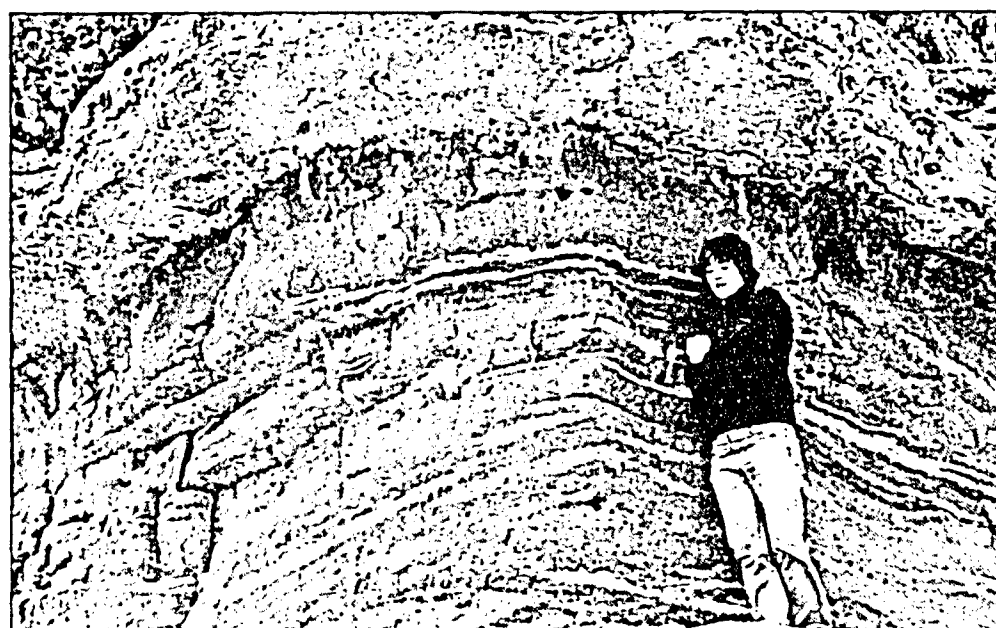
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BELOW: Junior Margot Edmiston and Stephanie Augsburger, an exchange student from Switzerland, walk along Pismo Beach, Calif.

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BOTTOM RIGHT: Sophomore Sarah Moyer climbs rocks in Colorado during the Choir tour.

Photo courtesy of JJ Ekin



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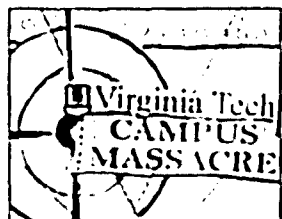
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Media frenzy in wake of Virginia Tech shooting based on ratings.

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Dance puts Bible in motion

Seniors Jocelyn Wilson and Laura Force put on Acts of the Apostles.

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Baseball loses two of three

Pirates lose two of three to first place Pacific Lutheran in baseball last weekend.

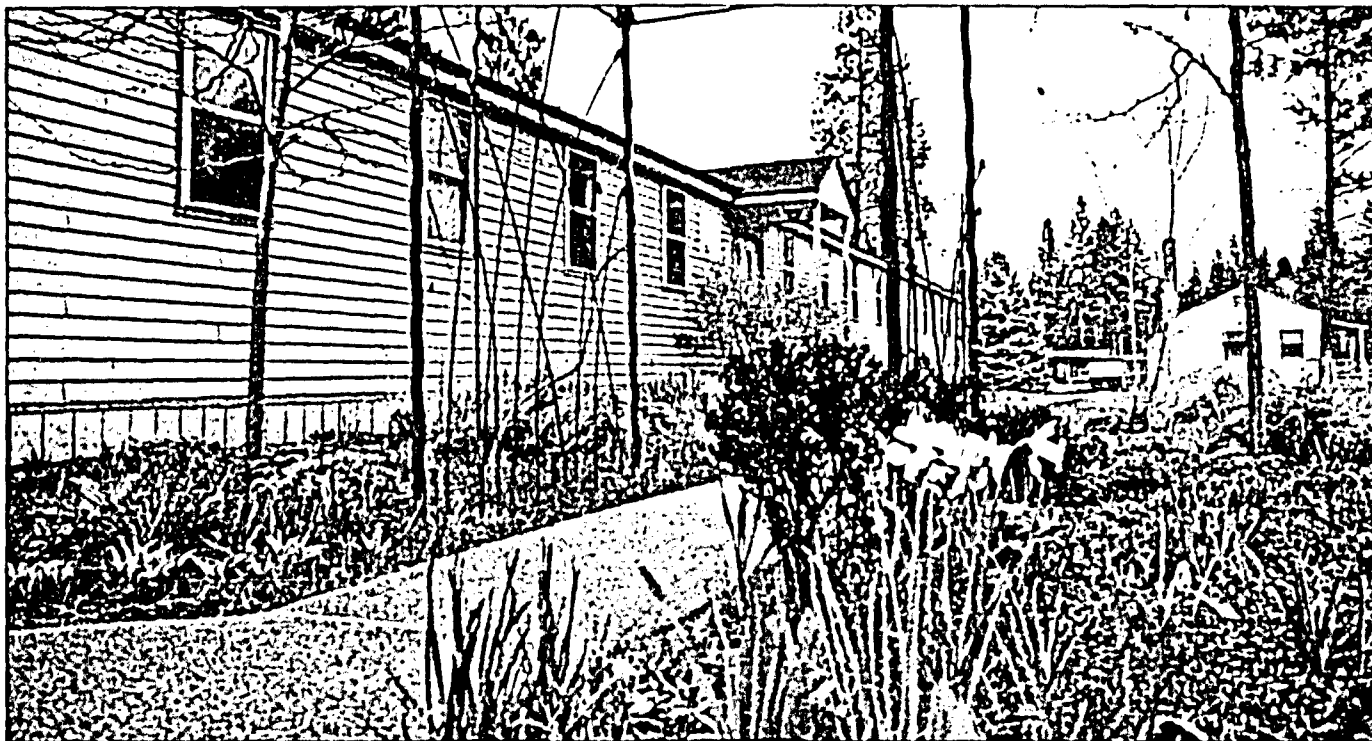
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"Albert Gonzales doesn't know what happened, but he assures you, what he doesn't remember was handled properly."

- Jon Stewart
comedian

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Both Beyond Hall and the Westminster Hall courtyard is set to be demolished after graduation to make way for the construction of the new visual arts building.

Jesse Clark/Whitworthian

Board approves art building

Jessica Davis
News Editor
Candace Pontoni
Staff writer

At their most recent session Whitworth's Board of Trustees approved construction of the visual arts building.

The estimated cost to construct the building is now \$7.1 million, roughly \$600,000 more than the original estimate made last fall.

Around \$6.2 million has been donated to fund construction, but \$890,000 is still needed.

"This has been a challenge," said Ray Lawton, trustee finance committee chair.

All costs exclude the steam and electrical

work and the relocation of the Print Shop.

Contributions from trustee Chuck Boppell, the Cowles foundation and an unrestricted gift placed the amount of funds needed to under \$1 million.

"We will use every non-debt option to raise money for this project," Lawton said. "We also have \$1.65 million gift requests pending."

President Bill Robinson said he believes around \$500,000 might come from those pending gifts.

Trustee Walt Oliver has agreed to pick up the remaining cost of the building, Robinson said.

The committee is hopeful enough of the requests for funding will be granted, though it is not expected a return will come from every request.

"One suggestion was to whittle the arts building," Lawton said.

Despite the suggestion, the size of the future building is not likely to be cut. The committee plans to continue raising money for construction of the originally-planned building.

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Former dorm, garden will be removed

Branden Cate
Staff writer

Beyond Hall is set to be demolished after graduation to make room for the new visual arts building.

Construction on the visual arts building is set to begin on June 6 and will be ready for classes in fall 2008.

Assistant director of maintenance

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Board takes exemption on non-discrimination policy

Leah Motz
Assistant Copy Editor

The Board of Trustees met this week to discuss recent state legislation that requires the addition of sexual orientation to the categories of guaranteed protection under the state's Human Rights Commission.

"The Board affirmed the historic approach Whitworth has taken to these kinds of issues, which in this case meant not to adopt an institutional stance on homosexuality nor to include sexual orientation in its non-discrimination statement," president Bill Robinson said. "As a religious non-profit organization, Whitworth has that option."

Robinson said the Board decided to affirm the non-discrimination statement in its current state. They felt it best protects freedom of conscience on campus.

Religious institutions are eli-

gible for an exemption under the law.

The Anderson-Murray Bill, a new Washington state law, pertains to educational institutions including undergraduate and postgraduate private schools.

Including sexual orientation in the non-discrimination policy would extend protection to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals.

Concern has been expressed that if Whitworth claimed the exemption, it would portray the school as more of a religious institution than a business.

Claiming the exemption could make Whitworth's role appear comparable to that of a church.

"I don't think the state was attempting to impose a theo-

logical point of view with this legislation, but for people who believe homosexual behavior is displeasing to God, the net effect is inescapably theological," Robinson said. "Having said that, some people who support gay rights do so out of their understanding of Christian justice."

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Someboardmembers expressed concern that including sexual orientation in Whitworth's current non-discrimination statement would be interpreted as a theological point of view they could not endorse.

"If we were to adopt a doctrinal statement that condemned all forms of homosexuality, it would be an affront to those members of our community who believe differently," Robinson said.

Although the issue of sexual ori-

entation is far from closed, Robinson said he believes conversation regarding the statute has ceased for now.

"I'm sure there are circumstances that could push us to review this, but I think that this brings closure to how we will respond to the statute at this point," Robinson said. "I don't think it will bring closure to the issue."

Adding to the complications Whitworth faces is the current climate of debate over sexual orientation that exists in the Presbyterian Church.

"This issue has been debated in our denomination, and Whitworth has not taken an institutional stance," Robinson said.

The issue was first presented to the board last fall. The decision was made to delay discussion until board members were able to gather more information on the situation.

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Board discusses range of issues

Jessica Davis
News Editor

The Board of Trustees examined a range of academic affairs issues last week including the expansion of the Eric Johnston Science Center, student retention rate and upcoming accreditation.

Science building

An architect was just hired for a 40,000 square foot addition to the Eric Johnston Science Center. The building has not been expanded since 1962, Le Roy said.

"We're trying to make a building that will last for 25 years," Le Roy said.

The college received a \$750,000 science equipment grant to replace the large amounts of science equipment, Le Roy said.

Retention rate

Gary Whisenand, director of institutional research, said the fall to spring retention rate is down a little bit

in comparison to last year.

This year the retention rate is at 95.7 percent. Last year it was around 98 percent, Whisenand said.

"What we're concerned about is the retention to the next year," Whisenand said.

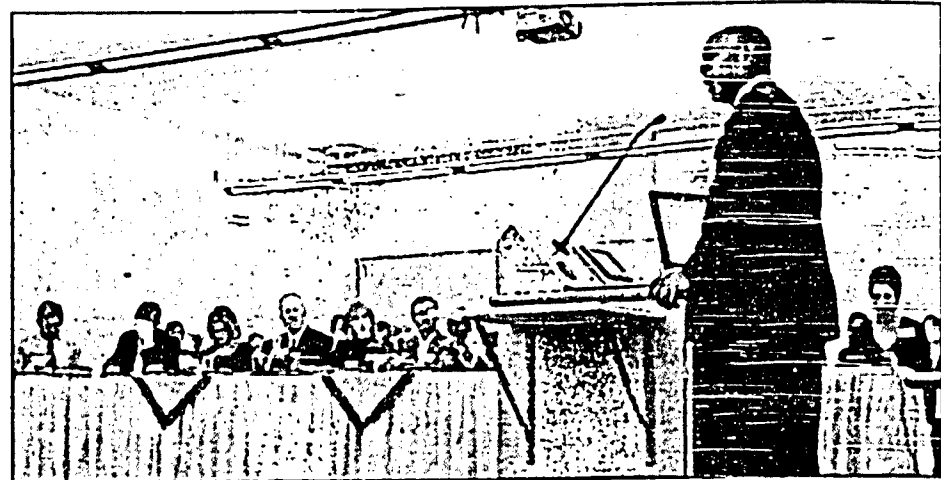
If the college wants to meet its 2 percent growth goal every year until 2010, it needs to look to bring in more freshmen, transfer students and maintain a high retention rate, Whisenand said.

Accreditation

A group of 10 reviewers will come to Whitworth in the fall of 2008 for accreditation.

Le Roy said the college plans on preparing for the accreditation and doing a check-up on the strategic plan at the same time.

Barb Sanders, associate professor of education, is currently leading a group of faculty that will access the college's business practices, faculty and board governance among



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Trustee Walt Oliver presents information to the Board of Trustees last Fall.

other things.

Le Roy said Sanders will prepare a 200 page document that will examine how well Whitworth meets its own standards.

Le Roy said the report is interested in explaining the failings of the college.

MBA Program

Le Roy also provided an update on the new MBA program. He said the pro-

gram hit a few bumps in the road as all programs do in their first year. He said the teachers were not quite what was expected by students.

The students involved are still supportive of the MBA program. Le Roy said the college is looking to put the right people in place.

There were a number of absences in the school of global commerce and

management this year due to sabbaticals and other factors. This spring, there were seven adjuncts in the SGCM.

The dean of SGCM Kyle Usrey left halfway through the semester for a position at Friends College in Kansas. Usrey taught at the graduate level.

Le Roy said academic affairs will begin a search for a new dean soon.

Class evaluations will be completed online

James Spung
Staff writer

Starting this week, more than 100 classes in seven departments are having students fill out the usual class evaluation forms — this time on the Internet.

The pilot program, which is run through Online Course Evaluations, allows participating students until May 14 to complete the class evaluation forms.

"Our intent is to get feedback to departments and professors quicker so they can respond to students' needs, and also to department chairs so they can make better decisions within their department," said Gary Whisenand, director of institutional research.

Classes from the biology, communications studies, English, math and computer science, kinesiology and political science departments, as well as the School of Education, are participating in the inaugural program, Whisenand said.

Students in selected classes were asked by e-mail to follow a link that will pass them out of the Whitworth Web site to the Online Course Evaluation's site. There,

students will fill out the same form usually given in classes, only in an online format.

"From an Academic Affairs standpoint, the current system is very labor-intensive. Right now, the evaluations are not tabulated and summarized until well into the following semester," Whisenand said. "That way is too late to help department chairs, professors or adjuncts."

English department chair Pamela Corpron Parker agreed, saying that sometimes evaluations take a full semester to return to the departments.

"[The evaluation responses] would trickle into me from mid-December to mid-March, and a lot of times they would be too late to actually help professors if they needed to make changes in their courses," Parker said.

Whisenand said the new technology will allow department chairs to easily view statistics, such as means and medians, of

student responses.

The only drawback may be the student response rate, he said.

"Academic Affairs has toyed with the idea for a couple of years now, and the issue has been insuring a good response rate," Whisenand said. "We wanted to make sure we would still have a good return rate."

Associate professor of education Barb Sanders said she is not worried about having sufficient student response.

"I have no concerns," said Sanders. "The company, through research, persistent e-mails and prizes, can basically guarantee high response rates. From a student perspective, it's probably a little more natural to fill out an online survey rather than a paper survey."

Whisenand said the extended time window for responses will help with strong response percentages.

"We wanted to give adequate

time to students, and some classes are half semester courses," Whisenand said. "We don't want to give students their evaluations in high-stress times at the end of the semester."

Confidentiality in student responses is another concern, Parker said, adding that students may fill out the evaluation as a group activity rather than on an individual basis.

"The possibility of students filling it out while talking to their friends about it is a concern," Parker said. "This is supposed to be confidential material."

Sanders said she is optimistic about the success of the pilot program.

"It's an incredibly quick turnaround. The faculty will hear about it in a week [after May 14]," Sanders said. "I just think the technology makes it so much more doable and more efficient."

Academic Affairs will be carefully monitoring the pilot program to determine if it will be implemented in future semesters, Whisenand said.

"I think if it works this semester, we'll try it on a much larger scale next semester," he said.

Whitworth Speaks OUT

What do you think about ASWC's actions this semester?



Mitch Carver
Sophomore

"I don't know if I know enough to answer that question. I know about as much about the ASWC as I know about the WNBA."



Erin Cooley
Sophomore

"I don't feel affected about anything that's happened."

"To be honest, I haven't really been paying attention at all."



Andrew Esqueda
Junior



Tracie Fowler
Freshman

"I don't know. I haven't thought much about them."

Compiled by James Spung and Caroline Davis

ASWC drafts resolution

Tim Takechi
Staff writer

In a 12-5-1 decision, ASWC passed a motion to draft a resolution to the president's cabinet demanding changes in course curriculum and the college's approach to promoting diversity.

ASWC decided to transform the letter drawn up by an ASWC subcommittee into an official resolution after deliberating about changes in grammar, wording and some content.

The subcommittee met for two days before last Wednesday's meeting to write the letter to be presented before the body.

The subcommittee met again last Sunday and decided to convert the letter into two separate documents, one being an official resolution outlining the student body's desire to see change and the other being a long list of specific recommendations.

The second document is not part of the resolution, so the list does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the entire ASWC.

Some of the recommendations include suggested classes that should be added to the American diversity requirement.

ASWC will vote this week to approve both the revised resolution and addendum of recom-

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mendations to go with it.

Once a resolution is passed by the voting members, it will become the official policy, statement or custom of ASWC, according to Article X Section 3 of the ASWC Constitution.

The resolution will address recommended changes to the Core program, freshmen seminar, formation of clubs and enforcing the college's dedication to promoting diversity on campus.

Before motioning to pass the letter as a resolution last Wednesday, the assembly discussed the approach the subcommittee took in writing the document.

When talking about the section of the letter regarding freedom of forming campus clubs, some members objected to the letter not naming specific clubs, such as the Gay-Straight Alliance and non-Christian religious organizations.

Others felt the resolution should be left vague so certain clubs could have the best chance for succeeding.

"If we put specifically the 'Gay-Straight Alliance,' when the Board of Trustees see it, they may reject it and other clubs will not be allowed to form if this is all they see," Arend representative Joy Bacon said.

Concerns arose amongst some ASWC members if singling out clubs associated with sexual orientation would lessen the chances of the resolution being acted upon by the administration.

The assembly discussed who will receive the resolution.

With the Board of Trustees on campus that week, some members suggested sending them a copy of the resolution in addition to the president's cabinet.

"I think the more people who get [the resolution], the better," Schumacher representative Lacey Offutt said. "Especially people in leadership positions, like student leaders and the Board of Trustees."

Director of student activities Dayna Coleman Jones told the assembly before any resolution is sent to the Board of Trustees, it has to pass through the president's cabinet first.

World BRIEFS

Iraq gunmen target minority group

Unidentified gunmen have killed 23 people in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, police said.

All the victims were said to be members of the Yazidi religious minority which follows a pre-Islamic religion and worships an angel figure.

Police said the victims were dragged from a bus and killed. Followers of other faiths were reportedly left unharmed by the gunmen.

Most of the victims in the capital's mainly Shia al-Bayaa area were civilians, police said. About 90 people were injured.

NASA gunman kills because of poor review

The gunman who killed a hostage and himself in a stand-off at a NASA building in Texas blamed his victim for a poor work performance review, police said.

Bill Phillips, 60, took a revolver to work at the Johnson Space Center on Friday, shooting and killing fellow employee David Beverly, 62.

Phillips bought the gun last month on the same day he printed off his bad review, police said.

A woman was also held hostage in a four hour ordeal but was only slightly injured.

Virginia Tech gunman's family gives apology

Relatives of the student who committed the massacre at Virginia Tech University last week have described their shock and sorrow over his "horrible and senseless act."

Speaking for the first time since Cho Seung-Hui killed 32 people and himself on April 16, the family said they have been "living a nightmare" since the attack.

In a statement Cho's sister, Cho Sun-Kyung, spoke of the family's pain following the massacre.

"Our family is so very sorry for my brother's unspeakable actions. It is a terrible tragedy for all of us," she said.

South Korea to give food aid to North Korea

Negotiators in South Korea have agreed to send food aid to North Korea.

The agreement did say South Korea would supply 400,000 tons of rice, but officials in Seoul insist that will depend on progress over the nuclear program.

Compiled by Dr. Andra Kenoly

Community responds to VT shooting

Jessica Davis
News Editor

Sympathy emerged from the campus last week as students signed a large banner that read "Virginia Tech is in our thoughts and prayers."

"This gesture is in participation with other campuses across the nation as we all mourn together," student body president Fa'ana Fanene said in a campus-wide e-mail last week.

A reprioritization of the security card access system is taking place, after the shooting at Virginia Tech University last week, director of facilities services Ed Kelly said

during the Board of Trustee meetings last week.

A campus-wide e-mail was sent out from director of college communications Greg Orwig on behalf of president Bill Robinson.

The e-mail expressed sorrow for the Virginia Tech community and outlined Whitworth's security status.

"Only shock moderates the unspeakable sadness we have been feeling for the Virginia Tech community. Nothing horrifies a college

president more than the prospect of a student life lost," Robinson wrote in the e-mail.

Administrators and staff will be meeting this week to discuss security issues.

Whitworth has recently updated its Emergency Response Plan (ERP), according to the e-mail.

Even with the card access system, campus security will have to physically lock all doors on campus. However, every student and faculty identification card could be disabled in the case

"If people can get out, people can get in."

Gary Hopkins,
Trustee

of an emergency, Kelly said.

Last Friday, several members of the board discussed the current state of student safety on campus.

Trustee Shaun Cross said he felt the college needed to focus even more on campus safety.

Trustee Gary Hopkins reminded those present at the meeting that a dorm is never truly locked.

"If people can get out, people can get in," Hopkins said.

CLICK IT

Read about Whitworth's emergency plan at www.whitworthian.com

College searching for ways to help transfer students

Rosa Gibbons
Staff writer

Whitworth is currently exploring new ways to help transfer students adjust to life on campus.

A lower percentage of transfer students than freshmen students return to Whitworth after one year.

Out of those transfers who entered Whitworth in fall 2005, 73 percent returned in fall 2006; 89 percent of freshmen who entered in fall 2005 returned in fall 2006.

Senior Heather Poppen transferred to Whitworth from a California community college in fall 2005. She said it was hard to get to know people because most of the students in her classes had known each other since they were freshmen.

Poppen lived off-campus her first year, and she said that made it harder to make friends.

"Whitworth didn't have room for me on-campus, so I had to get an apartment

off-campus, and I wasn't involved in community at all," Poppen said.

Director of institutional research Gary Whisenand agreed that transfers often have trouble meeting other students.

"It's harder to break into a small community," Whisenand said.

Last fall, transfers had the option of taking a class equivalent to freshman seminar taught by dean of instruction Barbara Sanders. This class introduced the students to many of the people working in campus resources, such as career services. About 10-12 students chose to take the class.

International student Carolina Broemeling was enrolled in the transfer seminar. She had previously spent one semester at St. Thomas University in Houston.

"I didn't really enjoy it there," Broemeling said. "They didn't help you like they do here."

Broemeling said it was useful to learn about the

Transfer Students

102

transfer students in Fall 2006

24

students transferred from SFCC

73 percent

of transfer students returned for their next year compared to

89 percent

of incoming freshman who returned for their sophomore year

Information courtesy of Gary Whisenand

different resources available and also to meet some other off-campus students.

"Barbara was very helpful; she still helps me with stuff now," Broemeling said.

At the beginning of each term, new transfers

may attend an orientation session. This year a session was organized for the beginning of Jan Term, in addition to the fall and spring terms.

Many of Whitworth's faculty are involved, including assistant dean of students Dayna Coleman Jones, assistant dean of intercultural affairs Esther Louie, and associate director of admissions Celeste Lewis.

"We put an emphasis on meeting lots of people," Sanders said. "We try to be proactive at helping them."

Junior transfer Antonia Hagelin attended the fall session.

"It was very, very helpful," Hagelin said. "I also went to a couple of the freshman sessions, but they weren't very helpful."

Hagelin transferred from a community college, and she said it has been difficult to adjust to Whitworth because it is very different from community college.

Campus BRIEFS

Students to present research at conference

The Spokane Intercollegiate Research Conference will allow students from around the region to present original research projects. The SIRC will take place April 27-28 in Weychauser Hall.

Speaker to talk of conservation methods

As part of earth week, Jeanne Leighton will speak about tree care and conservation methods in Pirates Cove this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. S'mores will be provided by the club Good Deeds for Trees.

Students can learn about how to take care of our forests and practice lives of sustainability.

Compiled by Jessica Davis

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

In the April 12 special edition of The Whitworthian, a headline about faculty statements of faith should have read "Faculty write statements of faith."

If you have a question about the fairness or accuracy of something that appears in the newspaper, send an e-mail to editor@whitworth.edu

Off-campus studies stretched

Luis Lopez
Staff writer

A familiar face is leaving the off-campus studies office.

Last week Kim Dawson left her position as program coordinator of off-campus studies for the alumni, parent and church relations office.

Dawson said she needed a less stressful environment and the job is only 40 hours per week, Dawson said. Dawson also said she has a 15-year-old daughter and needed to spend more time with her.

Dawson worked with director of off-campus studies Sue Jackson who will be on her own until a replacement arrives.

"[I will miss] her cheerful and helpful spirit," Jackson said.

Jackson noted that the search for Dawson's replacement is going on until

Friday, when a review of the applicants begins. The search seeks to only replace Dawson.

"My hope and prayer is that [the applicant review process] doesn't take long but we have to have the right person, so, if it means we have to wait a bit longer to find the right person, of course we are going to do that," Jackson said.

Due to Dawson's departure, Jackson said her job has become a lot more time consuming because she is doing her own job as well as Dawson's.

Dawson emphasized that she has loved working at Whitworth for the past 8 and a-half-years and did not want to leave for another job opportunity.

"The opportunity to move to a different department that was on-campus that was full time was an excellent opportunity for me," Dawson said.



LI Bowie/Whitworthian

Director of off-campus studies Sue Jackson works in her office in Alder Hall last week.

REMOVED: Construction to begin in June

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Ray Peyron said Beyond is not being used for housing now.

IRS contractors recently removed the asbestos from Beyond.

Lincoln Hall, where the print shop was housed, will have asbestos removed at the end of the month.

The print shop will move to Hawthorne Hall.

As much of the Westminster Hall courtyard as possible will be salvaged.

Peyron said the design committee for the visual arts building and Whitworth looked at several locations for the visual arts building besides Beyond.

Peyron said there was a lot of discussion about demolishing Beyond.

He also said they knew the building was of sentimental value to the college.

Sophomore Anna Kirk said living in Beyond Hall last year was "the best thing ever ... living in a house with all your best friends."

Regarding the removal of Beyond, Kirk said, "It's really sad, but I guess it had to happen in the long run. I guess it wasn't supposed to be there forever."

Junior Kit Roberts said even with the secluded feel of living in Beyond the close quarters provided the opportunity to develop closer relationships.

Roberts said there was "great community" amongst residents last year.

"Anytime you lose a source of fond memories, it's tough," Roberts said.

He said the move will ultimately be an improvement for Whitworth.

Years down the road, when he comes back to visit Whitworth, he said, it will be strange not to have the physical reminder of a building there, like what residents of other halls have.

BEYOND HALL

Beyond Hall, once a government-surplus building during World War II, was moved to the Whitworth campus in 1947. It was initially used as an infirmary and then for storage and limited classroom and office space until converted into a women's residence hall in 1991. It later became a co-ed hall of mostly single rooms until 2006, housing approximately 20 students at a time.



WESTMINSTER HALL COURTYARD



Westminster Hall Courtyard, a garden courtyard between Westminster Hall and Beyond Hall, was created by faculty and students in the English Department in 1992. The courtyard was expanded in 2000 and has been used to host small classes and student activities.

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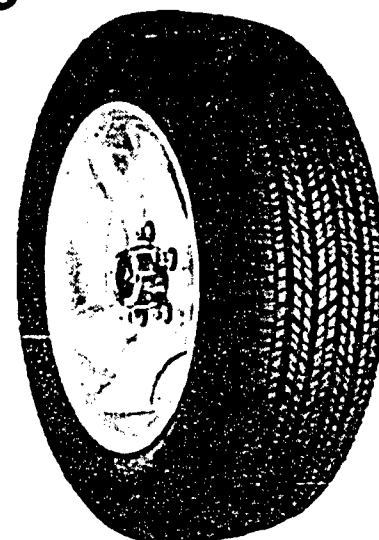
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Graduation is less than a month away. What are your reflections on the school year? E-mail your thoughts to editor@whitworth.edu

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April 24, 2007

IN THE LOOP

An editorial

Trade campus apathy for action

The rusty gears of discourse are beginning to turn. Several student groups have begun to realize the power they have to cause positive change on this campus.

The Associated Students of Whitworth College, the Black Student Union A.C.T.I.O.N. Team, Good Deeds for Trees, Unity in Action and Women in Society Everywhere (W.I.S.E.) are all looking critically at students, Whitworth's culture, administration, institutional structures and curriculum. These groups are actively and peacefully working to improve the world they live in.

Whitworth has a long history of active student groups. This semester especially, the unwritten list of concerns students seem to have about Whitworth have been augmented, becoming less ambiguous and more concrete. Recent events have stirred students to break from the status quo and to challenge policies and climates that are unfair or exclusionary.

These groups are starting to believe that change can take place, even on a campus of students who are apathetic when confronted with many of the tough issues in the world.

Examination and authentic criticism of Whitworth is crucial to a healthy community. If a community does not challenge its own policies and practices, it stagnates, resulting in frustration for the few who are actively seeking change.

This elevated level of discourse among students has been missing at Whitworth in the recent past and is still missing among many students today.

Discourse is rooted in the ideas of a democratic society. Debate and deliberation by conflicting parties often results in compromise that is acceptable to everyone involved. Discourse has also traditionally been an important part of the ruling structure of the Presbyterian Church. The importance of discourse is clear.

Great discourse is occurring within the ASWC chambers, in the classroom and between students and administrators. Walls are beginning to break down and opposing groups are starting to feel comfortable enough to genuinely hear the other's concerns. Still, this is not necessarily true for students on a campus-wide level.

Not all students may agree with the actions of each of these student groups, but everyone in this community should embrace and support the ongoing examination by groups involved. Discourse is at the root of understanding and is integral to improving the college.

The current attitude of introspection by students may go away at the year's end, so it is important to remember that change is ongoing. Students and administrators need to keep oiling the machine. Every student must keep challenging themselves to think about and examine the issues that they are confronted with.

Students must trade apathy for action. This may not mean joining a club. Rather, talk with a neighbor, share ideas with your senator or resident assistant or even go up and talk to someone who is sitting alone in the HUB.

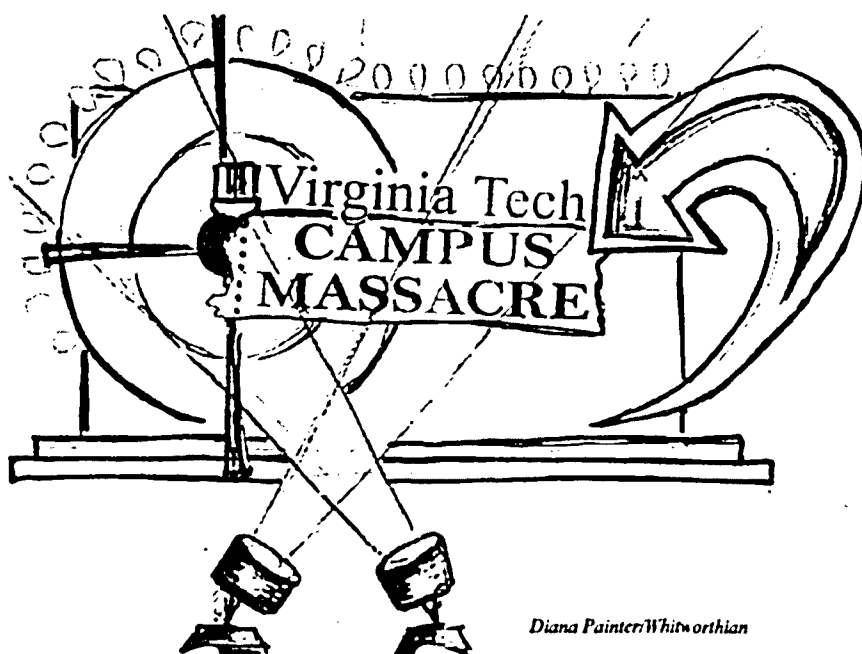
This discourse may be challenging and painful. But it makes Whitworth stronger and you should be a part of it.

"In the Loop," written by the editorial board, represents the editorial voice of *The Whitworthian*.

A brief pause

"I was pleased to see American flags flying half-staff today to honor 32 students who, last Monday, died accidentally at the hands of a rogue. And I wondered that flags do not constantly fly half-staff to honor the soldiers who are daily killed at the hands of a rogue."

Galen Sanford, Writer



Diana Painter/Whitworthian

Massacre coverage rooted in profit

JUSTIN LINDBORG
Writer



When Cho Seung-Hui, an estranged student at Virginia Tech opened fire on his classmates, the result was the most deadly killing spree in modern U.S. history. A short time later the media had a heyday.

It's odd, isn't it, that a horrific tragedy is, to the media, a great opportunity. The more outrageous or atrocious the circumstances, the better it is for ratings. Yet there comes a point where the initial glee the media has at an occurrence must be tempered with human sympathy and propriety.

On the same day as the massacre, NBC news began coverage with a smattering of stories. Above or near these stories they displayed a banner with "Virginia Tech, Campus Massacre" emblazoned on a tattered piece of canvas behind which was a rifle scope with the crosshairs centered on a faded campus landscape. This is

still the emblem they have chosen to represent the news story with.

It's catchy, right? It has all the artistic elements: A rust-colored background to bring an aura of death, compelling and provocative text displayed in such a way as to give a sense of urgency and above all, the crosshairs looming ominous in the foreground.

The image draws the reader into the story like a shiny bauble draws an animal into a snare. Once there, the reader is subject to NBC's coverage of the event and ratings soar for the news provider.

Two days after the shooting, NBC opened a package from Cho, mailed sometime between his killings. In the package was a video of Cho partly describing why he committed the crime. The video contains statements which offer a window into what Cho thought about his fellow students. They are both violent and provocative. NBC aired sections of the "manifesto" and in turn received higher-than-average ratings.

It would seem that NBC is only doing their job. They take an issue, catastrophe or event and cover it,

with their profit in mind. But at what cost?

The video clips which were played, reinvigorated both the hate which coupled with apparent mental instability moved Cho to his crime, and the pain of those who were victimized by it.

Long story short: NBC received abnormally high ratings directly correlating to their profit after 33 people's lives were violently ended.

Maybe it isn't possible for news to be relayed in a free capitalist country without an element of advertising and competitiveness amongst media sources.

Maybe if the information about stories were relayed in a quieter manner without the bells and whistles there would be no audience.

Whatever the case, the tears of the victims and the tragic life and death of the shooter are exploited by a media intent on profit and a populace intent on being entertained.

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Whitworth Fund is important, just not right now



PETER BURKE
Opinions
Editor

Talk about leaving a bitter taste in someone's mouth.

Just one month before graduation, seniors began receiving phone calls from the college soliciting donations to fund the senior class gift and the Whitworth Fund. The caller asked for a donation that would be split evenly to help fund the bench in the loop from the senior class and the Whitworth fund. The senior class goal this spring is to raise \$4,000, the money being split evenly, for two separate purposes.

While raising donations for the senior class gift is appropriate and necessary, at-

taching a solicitation from soon-to-be graduates for the Whitworth Fund is misguided and rude.

Maintaining a donor base of recent graduates through the Whitworth Fund is centrally important to Whitworth's ability to improve its facilities and scholarships for students every year, but asking current students, who are on the verge of loan counseling and trying to find a source of income, should not be done.

In a recent e-mail to the senior class, it was expressed (in red font) that 37 percent of the senior class had donated and that the goal was 50 percent of the senior class donate by graduation.

These percentages mean nothing to graduating seniors, nor should they. Considering the meager sum of money involved (\$2,000 toward the Whitworth Fund), the goal for the college is not to actually raise any sig-

nificant amount of money, but to be able to say "Fifty percent of the class of 2007 has donated to the Whitworth Fund, so should you!"

The Whitworth Fund is a worthwhile place to give a gift to, if graduates are so inclined. It helps fund scholarships, faculty research and development and keeps the lights on at the college. While these are all necessary and worthwhile causes, it is a slap in the face for graduating students to be asked to give to something they are excited to be finished with.

It is especially awkward to earmark a donation to the Whitworth Fund on a donation to the senior class gift. The two projects are unrelated and should remain separate, because fund raising for a gift and fund raising for an ongoing goal have only one thing in common: the word "fund raising."

The bench will leave a lasting impression,

but \$2,000 in the Whitworth Fund will pay for 1/10 of one year of one person's tuition. This is the wrong time and wrong motivation to be asking seniors for this meager donation.

Personally I would have made a donation to the senior class gift if it had not been attached to the Fund.

I want to leave a physical representation of the class of 2007 on the campus just as much as the next guy. I am just not at the point in my life where I am going to fork over \$25, with half going to help a student that probably has not even committed to coming to Whitworth yet. In a few years, when I have reflected on my Whitworth education, then will I give to the Whitworth Fund.

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HUMOR COLUMN

Christian music. The latter, not so much.

Daniel Walters
Staff Writer

You know what's funny?
Your religion.

Disclaimer: I'm a fool for daring to write about religion. It's the second most controversial thing for a newspaper to write about. Only the four-letter "r-word" is more offensive (R-A-C-E.) But in an ironic cruelty, religion is also the topic most deliciously ripe for satire. Every religion not your own is absolutely hilarious.

"Your god has how many arms? Seriously?! And the earth was created out of what? Where'd the giant turtle even come from!?"

If you're smart, when you hear about other religions you'll stifle your laughter and nod the Tolerant Nod of Genuine Interest. Because certain individuals from certain religions express their desire for dialogue and peace by suicide bombing crowded marketplaces.

I won't name any names, but here's a picture of their most sacred prophet:

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That's why I've chosen to write about the music of Christianity. Not only because I'm personally Christian — which gives me license — but because Christianity got most of their foaming hatred out of their system a few crusades ago. Nothing defines "cathartic" like your average Inquisition.

In roughly 2,007 years of Christianity, there have only been three good Christian bands: Jars of Clay, the profoundly incisive, yet criminally catchy Christian boy band Plus One (actual lyric: "You are my soul tattoo!") and naturally, Def Leppard.

(Note: Creed fits the requirement of neither a "Christian band" nor a "good band.")

The deluge of bad Christian music, however, starts at an early age. Christian children's music dealt mainly with analyzing the width, breadth and depth of various fountains, and admitting that while there are various branches of the armed forces that they may or may not join, recruiters should feel free to send them literature regarding enlistment in the Lord's Army.

My favorite songs were the ones that involved spelling:

I am a C. I am a C-H. I am a C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N. And a P-R-E-S-B-Y-T-E-R-I-A-N who sometimes disagrees with the L-I-T-U-R-G-Y and has various reservations on their E-S-C-H-A-T-O-L-O-G-Y.

Nobody, however, captured the Christian child music market like the Donut Man. For our demographic, the Donut Man was bigger than Raffi, bigger than Barney, bigger than the Beatles — and therefore — by the transitive property of inequality — bigger than Jesus. We'd do whatever the Donut Man told us to do: "Jump!" "Clap your hands together," "Throw your hands in the air, like you just don't care" and "Overthrow the bourgeois oppressor."

The Donut Man's basic theology was this: Our heart is like a donut. Not only is coated in a delicious glazing, it has a great big hole in the middle. And Jesus is the grape jelly or yellow lemon gunk that fills that hole. While this was the classic "donut wager" first poised by Pascal, at the time it really shook my faith. I hated jelly-filled donuts.

As I got older, however, my taste matured. I began to appreciate scones

more than donuts. My taste in music developed too. I grew up in a charismatic church, meaning if you were asthmatic you should take care. Instead of a starched lifeless robot-ritual, it was a frenzied arm-faillingly exuberant praise-oration. There's banners, confetti, funfetti, conga lines, kicklines, fireworks, and people swinging from the chandelier. Masstaria!

But still, I felt many of their worship songs lacked originality. Half of the songs we sung in church were stolen word for word from the Bible. I mean, come on, if you're going to plagiarize, don't steal from the best-selling book of all time.

That's not to say there wasn't the occasional awesome song. The most awesome song, in terms of pure awesomeness, has to be "Awesome God," by Rich Mullins. Though the title seems like the result of month-long collaboration between Bill and Ted, it is second only to "The Final Countdown" on the list of Most Awesome Worship Songs ever.

Essentially, it's like the song "Shaft" except instead of being about a hard-nosed cat that won't cop out, you have a no-nonsense fire-eyed deity with lightning fists who don't take no guff from nobody.

Can ya dig it?

My favorite part is when the whole church gleefully sings, "Judgment and wrath he poured out at Sodom." WOO! Eat wrath, Sodom! And that jerk Gomorrah too! How do you like your smiting!? With a dash of salt?

Most songs lack such awesome lyrical punch. Take the song "Hallelujah." Here are the lyrics, in full.

Hallelujah.

Hallelujah.

Hallelujah.

(Repeat 49x)

That's repetitively redundant all over again. Worship Music used to have more punch. Instead of a drummer, Medieval churches had a Flagellant keep the beat. Their lyrics had a lot more spark to them, as well. Take this 9th century example:

Citius Altius Fortius

In Vino Veritas

Bibamus Papaliter

As you surely know, this is Latin for:

What will people think

When they hear that

I'm a Jesus Freak.

Soon, however, nitpicks about worship details created conflicts. The Great Schism that tore the Church asunder in 1054, began when Youth Pastor Steve XVI thought it might be cool if some of the church kids and their Christian band (Wattle, Daub, and the Meager Fifes) played some sweet lute licks at the Sunday Service.

The Protestant reformation stems from Martin Luther tacking the German lyrics to "95 Luftballons," onto the door of the Wittenburg church, along with a note that says, "Why not try to something like this to loosen this stuffy church up! Also, indulgences are lame."

Not everyone appreciated his suggestions. Even today, many churches are torn apart by "Worship Wars." These are like Star Wars except instead of the word "Star" there's the word "Worship."

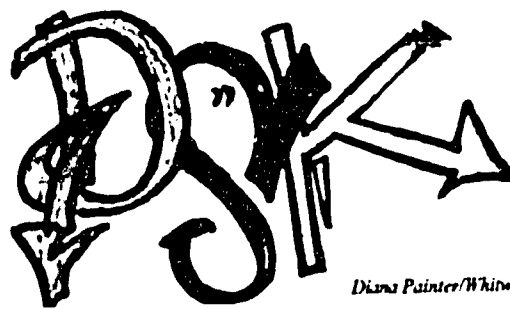
Hopefully someday, the Church can put such a divisive issue behind them and concentrate on things that really matter.

Like building bigger parking lots.

"The Varnished Truth" is a humor column by Daniel Walters.

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Diana Painter/Whitworthian

A street kid hurts the same anywhere

SARA
MOREHOUSE
Writer



A common "tag" (graffiti) you might see downtown is "DSK," which stands for "dirty street kid." This proclamation seems to be made with a sense of pride on one hand (hence the graffiti) and shame on the other. When a person, especially a child, is so beaten down by life and people that tell them that they are nothing, they begin to believe it.

The family is one of the most fundamental institutions in a person's life, possessing staggering potential for blessing and harm. When a child is loved, truly loved, through encouragement, care, provision, attention, discipline, they are being instilled with the fact they have worth and that they matter to someone.

However, when a child is abused, ignored, discouraged, downtrodden, expendable, they are taught that they are worthless and with no other input, children accept their label. If you think about it, worthlessness is the worst thing anyone could ever say about you.

A person can say, "I hate you," but that is at least acknowledging an impact you have had on them or an impression that you have made, negative though it may be. But when you are told you don't matter, then you wonder why you are even alive.

Especially when this awful label is given to you by a family member, a parent, the people that are supposed to love you and you are supposed to trust more than anyone. Whether through word or action, when worthlessness is communicated to a child, that sacred trust is broken, and the only response is despair.

So, of course kids get into trouble and addiction. No one can just let a pain like that roll off their back. And kids even try to make it seem like it doesn't bother them, but they are hurting so much inside. You can see it in their eyes. Those two windows to the soul show multitudes of hurt that doesn't know how to be expressed, only suppressed and then outburst in unkind acts that they know so well because that is what they know.

In Nigeria, street kids' eyes tell their stories as well, and though they are different than American homeless youth, the hurt is just as deep. They suffer from broken families too, through divorce, AIDS, or simply not enough money or food to care for everyone. Many times they are forced to make their own way on the streets because it is better than home.

Due to malnutrition, you look into their eyes to see how old they are because their bodies cannot tell the story of how many years they have lived.

The street life is not a pleasant one for a child, either here or overseas. Again, though their experiences are somewhat different than the street kids of the United States, their souls still yearn for value, for love.

We have all been created as vessels of love, to give it and to be filled with it. Since God is love and we are made in His image, it would follow that it is an essential part of who we are. When we are denied this, it is like we are being denied of our very selves by others, and influence that God planned to be enriching, not depreciating.

Many times, it seems like the damage done to a soul in this way cannot be reversed,

therefore making ministries to street youth around the world seem ineffective at times. But we should not be discouraged. It is the Lord who changes hearts and if we trust and glorify Him with our actions; they will not be fruitless.

A couple weeks ago, some of us on campus lived "homeless" for the week in an attempt to understand the physical and some of the mental aspects of being homeless. The week was beautifully chronicled by

Calli Strellnauber and yielded positive results in regards to getting us to think about the issues homeless kids face. (Us being kids ourselves.)

Many of us cannot begin to understand the ache and despair of actually being homeless; we can only imitate the unfortunate situation of being homeless. Even though we can't "get there" completely, we can at least push our limits and our comfort zones to get closer.

We also need to partake in counteracting the atrocities done to these children's souls in their very short lives.

We must think of ways that we can uplift and empower them. This can be done simply by thinking about what encourages you and what lets you know that you are loved.

With all active, intentional things, our presence is required. It is my prayer that we can learn more about homeless youth by intentionally being in relationship with them. And how do we do that? Simply by being there, a comfort zone that we could all stand to breach.

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Sounding Board Question of the week

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E-mail etiquette in need of fine tuning

Five easy rules that will vastly improve your e-mail communications



NATHAN HARRISON
Writer

Rule #1: Always, always, always check what lurks in the body before hitting "send."

That part needs to come first, before any explanation. If there's one thing about e-mail that's most important to know, and that some people seemingly don't, it's that.

Blindly forwarding a transcript of an entire e-mailed conversation is a fast track to embarrassment, as students saw in an example that popped up in their inboxes during the last ASWU elections.

Deleting that ever-lengthening "so-and-so said" chain should be the first order of business before replying. I've seen professors play a dangerous game that leaves entire previous conversations with an employer intact, in addition to passing on relevant internship information.

That habit that could easily lead to the same kind of embarrassment the campus has already seen — not to mention being a minor invasion of privacy for person whose conversation is unknowingly forwarded to the students of an entire department.

If there's a rule #2, it's exercise some common sense and compassion in e-mail attachments.

As much interest as I have in Sean F. Mulcahy's "Mystery Men," the one-megabyte sound files are putting my inbox over its size limit ev-

ery time they roll in.

Similarly, the host of event announcements that get sent without any information in the e-mail body itself is a constant annoyance. A Microsoft Word attachment containing all the actual information takes up at least five times more space than plain text in an e-mail would.

More irritating are e-mails with attachments in arcane or too-specific formats. I never shelled

out for PowerPoint on my Windows PC or my MacBook, so any information hiding in such attachments I've gotten is difficult to access.

Rule #3 is nitpicky, but still important. Stick to the basics when it comes to font choices and the colors of text.

Yellow text on a black background is annoying for many reasons. If the reader copies and pastes that into a rich-text word processor, now they have extra work to do in getting things to look normal again.

Then there's the issue of users who avoid or don't have Microsoft Outlook for reading e-mail. That black background color might not survive the trip into Firefox at all, making a message almost unreadable.

And speaking of unreadable, for no reason should a font that so horribly distorts letterforms as to make words look like Wingdings ever, ever be used.

The idea of rule #4 should be a no-brainer, but since it isn't: The subject line should be

100-percent lucid about the information inside. That's why it's there.

"Upcoming Event!" is the opposite of helpful. There are plenty of event e-mails some people don't need to read or don't care about, so saving readers some time in culling the wheat from the chaff should be a matter of simple respect.

Rule #5 is unfortunate, but true: Don't include humor in e-mails to people who aren't your friends — and even then, it can be tricky.

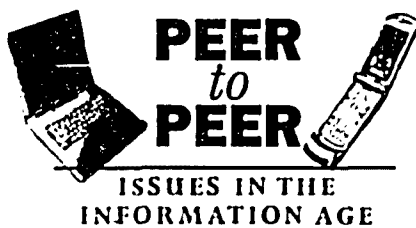
Sarcasm is especially tough to nail without all those nonverbal cues e-mail can't provide.

Studies on the ability of e-mail readers to decode sarcasm have shown that not only are senders overly confident that their words will be taken the way they intend, but recipients over-estimate their own ability to detect and interpret humor.

If you absolutely must flex your comedic muscle, put your dignity aside and make things overtly clear: *Swallow your pride* and use a smiley-face.

In short, if in doubt, pretend your reader lacks both time and a sense of humor and more often than not, you'll be close to the mark. And one last thing: Never forget rule #1.

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Men: Good body language might land you a date

Nichole Betts
Staff writer

My theory is that Whitworth guys are clueless about hints from women, and sometimes vice versa. Okay, so I'm generalizing, but bear with me.

Last week, I watched a good male friend greet a woman with a pat on the back. It was incredibly obvious that the woman was attracted to the man, but he seemed oblivious to her actions.

The man was polite and welcoming to the woman, but that was the extent of the intimacy. He didn't notice her sparkling eyes or how her body was always turned toward him, even when she was talking to other people. Yikes, he needs help.

Does this sound familiar? You get to be great friends with a woman and weeks later one of her friends exasperatingly says, "Of course she likes you, you idiot!" and looks at you like you don't understand English?

Keep reading — these body language tips can help you connect with that special someone, even if you're already in a relationship. Maybe you'll notice a person

sending you covert "Come hither!" signals.

Keep eye contact

If you keep looking at the floor, the other person may think you're shy. Or, they may think you're bored and uninterested in what he or she has to say and therefore a waste of time.

Make sure to keep eye contact with someone you're interested in to show them that what they have to say is important to you even though you may be nervous. (Tip: Don't do the weird, no blink, stare thing. It will backfire. Gazing at the other person is much less creepy.)

DO NOT look around at other people or things when the other person is talking. You can try looking from the other person's right eyebrow, to their nose, to their left eyebrow in an upside-down triangle to maintain eye contact without staring.



Nichole's CORNER

AN HONEST
DISCUSSION
ABOUT YOUR
SEXUAL HEALTH

Relax your face

If you're tense and it shows on your face, the other person may think you're sad, disappointed or angry ... basically, uninterested. Try to look pleasantly involved with the conversation without looking like you're in pain.

Don't fidget

Not only is playing with your sleeve distracting, it can look dishonest to the other person. Tapping your foot is even worse: Do you have somewhere else to be? Am I boring you? If you have a habit of chewing gum — or your fingernails — you can come across as anxious or distracted, not interested.

Keep your body "open"

Crossing your arms makes you less approachable and closed to the other person. Keep your arms loose and relaxed. Uncross your legs to encourage conversation. Try not to

hold things in front of you because it blocks interaction. Do keep your shoulders and hips facing the other person to make him or her feel like you actually want to be there. You don't have to square up to them but direct your body more toward them than away.

Posture, posture, posture

Walk tall and don't slouch. This shows confidence in yourself and in your surroundings and will make you more approachable.

Show those pearly whites

For goodness sake, smile at the other person and look like you're having a good time. Smiles let him or her know you're happy and interested. Be relaxed, but not too sloppy. Laugh often (but please not like a hyena).

Hopefully these tips will help you attract the attention of the person you've had your eye on for a while, or maybe they'll clue you in to that really nice person who's been hanging around a lot lately.

Let me know how you do!

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By the NUMBERS

E-mail facts and figures

171 billion

An estimated 171 billion e-mails (give or take a couple of billion) are sent on any given day.

2 million

Worldwide, approximately two million e-mails are sent every second.

72 percent

About 72 percent (120-123 billion) e-mails sent every day are classified as spam or viruses.

1.1 billion

Genuine e-mails are sent by 1.1 billion individual e-mail users.

1971

The first "real" e-mail was sent in 1971 by Ray Tomlinson, a computer engineer for Bolt Beranek and Newman, a U.S. defense contractor. Tomlinson is quoted as saying he invented e-mail, "Mostly because it seemed like a neat idea."

90 percent

At least 90 percent of e-mail reaching corporate servers is classified as spam.

\$70 billion

The estimated annual cost to U.S. businesses for their employees to read and delete their spam e-mail.

40 percent

About 40 percent of adults, aged 25-54 use e-mail as their primary communication method with family and friends. Less than 20 percent of teens use this method as their primary communication method.

Compiled by Peter Burke
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www.zdnet.com

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: "ASWC makes demands"

Report facts, not rumors

The article titled "ASWC Makes Demands" on page three of the April 17th Whitworthian was falsely reported. ASWC is not "demanding" changes, but is currently working on creating a formal document to present to administration regarding concerns we have been made aware of this past year, along with our suggestions for change and resolution.

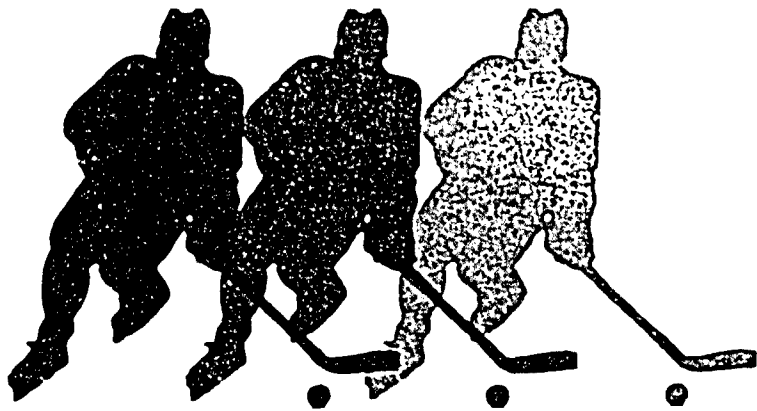
The statement: "The assembly will bring

a list of demands to the president's cabinet next week" was also incorrect. No date has been set to present the letter to the Cabinet, especially since it is not completed yet.

In addition, the document was still not completed by the time The Whitworthian went to press on Sunday night. Tim Takechi, the writer of the article, sat in on a subcommittee meeting which dismissed at approximately 11:30 p.m. on Sunday night. It seems hardly feasible that the article could be based around something that was still in the process of taking form. The Whitworthian therefore presented misconstrued information in saying that ASWC has "demanded changes." Nothing has formally happened and therefore, it is an outright lie for The Whitworthian to report that it has.

If The Whitworthian is going to report on a subject, report on it; do not make it a gossip column to stir up rumors. The Whitworthian needs to realize that it is not simply an outlet for its staff writers, but an actual publication on which students think they are receiving facts from. The past few weeks of issues have been filled with meaningless articles that have been placed there to simply stir people up. This is unacceptable. If the Whitworthian is going to be "the official voice of the students of Whitworth," follow through with that statement: Make sure you have your facts straight.

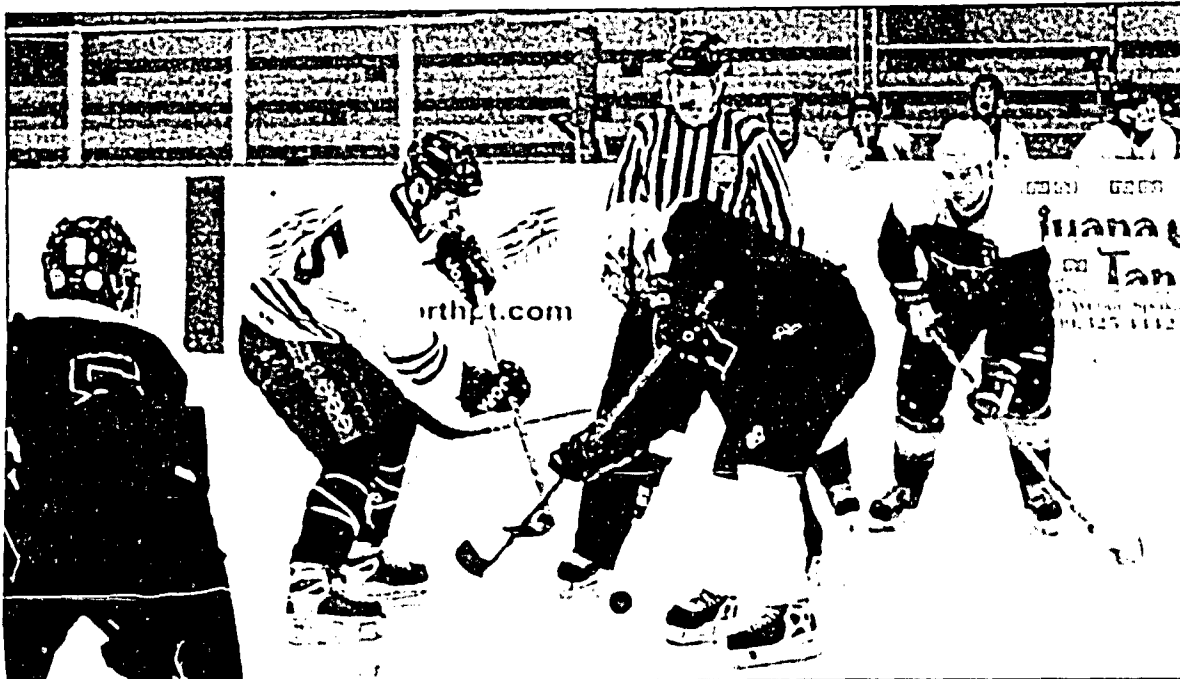
Kacie Garland
Sophomore
International Business



HOCKEY

ROSTER

- #1 Mark Baker,
sophomore
- #2 Beau Ferderer,
Mt. Spokane High
School senior
- #3 Barrett Urness,
sophomore
- #4 Marcus
Hagerott,
sophomore
- #5 Ryan Kristin,
senior
- #6 Patrick Taber,
senior
- #7 Ben Ferderer
(captain), junior
- #8 Jimmy Trull,
senior
- #9 Aaron O'Brien,
'06 alumnus
- #10 Kevin
Bostock, senior
- #11 Brandon
Herron, junior
- #12 Tom Dionne
(assistant captain),
senior
- #13 Josh Kerns
(assistant captain),
'06 alumnus
- #15 Kris Hafso,
sophomore
- #18 Jordan Farkas,
senior
- #19 Nate Chute,
junior
- #21 Brian Wilkins,
senior
- #22 Nick Miley,
junior
- Coach: Andrew
Dolan,
'06 alumnus



Assistant captain Josh Kerns faces off with a player from the Dishman Dodge team during the final game.

WHITWORTH HOCKEY SKATES TO SECOND

Caley Ochoa
Staff writer

The Whitworth hockey team drew a crowd as they made their way to the playoffs and eventually took second in their division.

Whitworth hockey goalie sophomore Mark Baker stopped 15 of 17 shots in a shootout during overtime of the playoff game against Twin Homes Sunday, April 15. About 150 fans cheered the Bucs to victory as sophomore Barrett Urness scored the deciding goal in the 17th round of the shootout.

"When we put in the winning goal, it made the whole year seem like a blur," Whitworth alumnus ('06) and team coach Andrew Dolan said in an e-mail.

The game against Twin Homes was tied six-six when the buzzer sounded ending regular play time.

Whitworth needed to win the game to advance to the championship round of playoffs. It was loser-out, the team had already played five minutes of overtime when they entered the shootout.

Junior and captain Ben Ferderer scored the first goal for the Bucs during the shootout.

"One of the biggest highlights was Sunday night's game," alumnus ('06) and assistant captain Josh Kerns said. "We were down 5 to 2."

Other than bearing its name, the Whitworth hockey team is not technically associated with the college and is not a recognized sport or club.

The team got its start in January 2006 after several of the players took an ice skating class for Jan Term. What started out as a collection of eight men soon became 12 and eventually there were enough players to play as a team.

Eagles Ice Arena charges \$350 for renting the rink for a game. Some players end up spending as much as \$200 a season just to play.

Dolan hopes a fundraiser next year will provide money for matching socks to go with team jerseys.

"It's pricey," Kerns said.

Despite challenges such as late game times, conflicts with night class and work and occasional injuries, the Whitworth hockey team concluded the sea-

son with a record of 15-9 during regular season play.

The team is a part of a recreational league with four divisions, 'A' being the most competitive and 'D' the least. The Bucs began this year in league 'C' but half-way through the season moved up to 'B' level play.

"It was sweet that we lost our first game in the playoffs and came back to play in the championship," senior Patrick Taber said.

Kerns led the team in goals this season with a total of 27 goals in regular season play. Sophomore Kris Hafso was the second highest scorer with 24 goals. Junior Nick Miley spent the most time in the penalty box and had over 60 penalty minutes.

"I'm looking forward to next season," Kerns said. "I think we'll do even better."

The Bucs' hockey team has not been without its complications.

The first game they played, the Whitworth hockey team met Team USA at the rink, only to discover that they were without a referee.

They had to call off the game after a line brawl ensued between the two teams.

The rivalry continued into the season, when one member of Team USA slugged Hafso in the face and gave him a minor concussion.

"That's the team we wanted to beat the most," Kerns said. "We hate those guys."

Whitworth did beat Team USA in the playoffs despite the fight which injured leading playoff scorer Hafso.

"The most memorable moment this year happened recently when the team beat their rivals, Team USA," senior Nichole Betts said in an e-mail. "It was a very exciting game and I think it may have affected my blood pressure a bit. It's great to see the guys play well and have a good time."

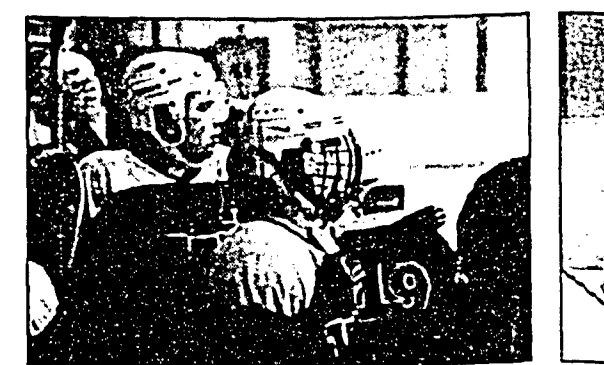
Betts, along with senior Betsy Johnson, served as "team moms," refilling water bottles during games, sewing uniforms and providing publicity and support for the team.

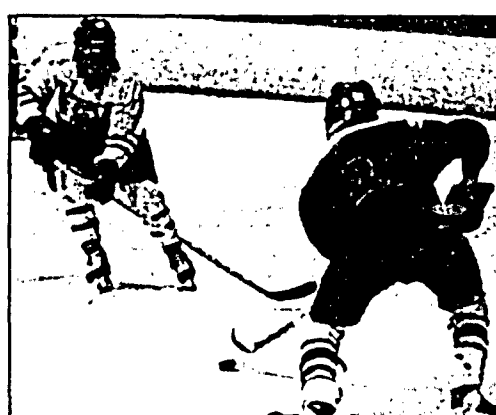
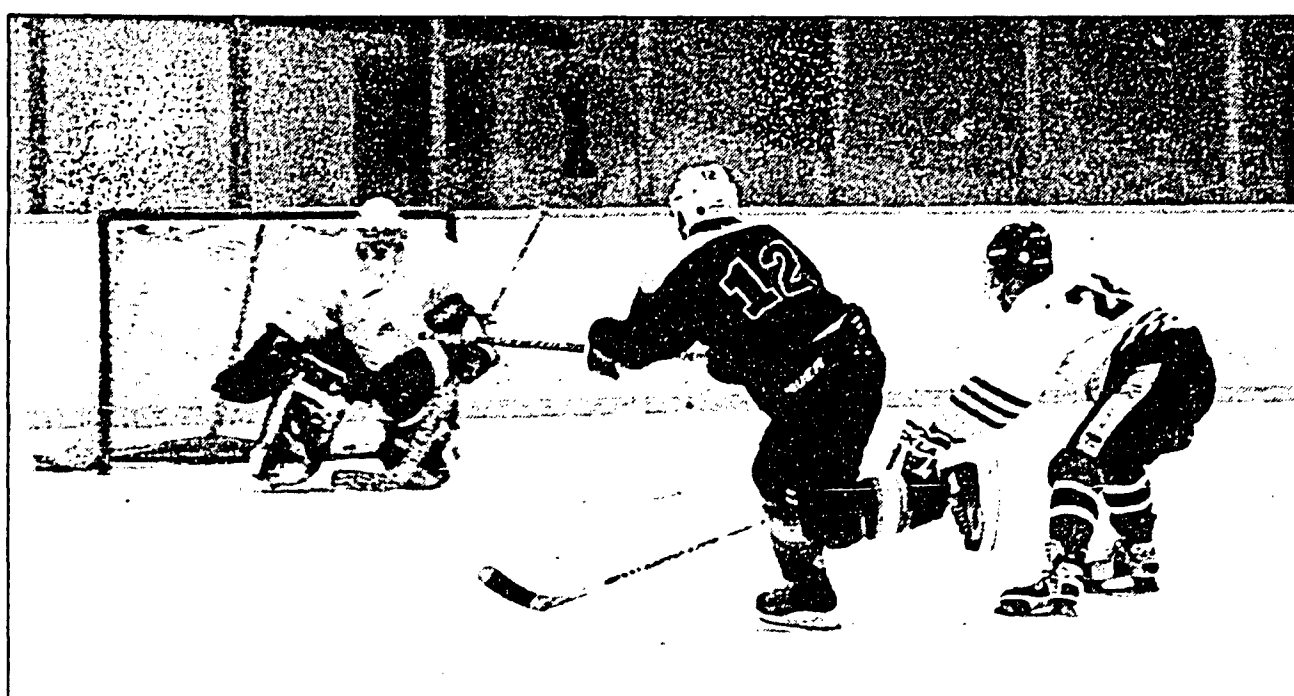
The fast-paced games as well as the free admission provided a draw for Whitworth students. Senior Kevin Bostock along with many other members of the team appreciated the "outstanding fan support."

WHITWORTH HOCKEY

team record in
regular season play

15-9





FAR LEFT TOP: Sophomore Barret Urness receives an elbow from an opposing player when going after the puck.

FAR LEFT MIDDLE: Whitworth hockey draws a large crowd for the final game. Whitworth lost 4-2, placing second in their division.

FAR LEFT FAR BOTTOM: Assistant captains Tom Dionne and Josh Kerns watch a penalty shot.

FAR LEFT BOTTOM: Players scramble in front of the net as goalie Mark Baker

tries to smother a rebound.

TOP: Assistant captain Tom Dionne tries to put a shot on net.

LEFT: Coach Andrew Dolan looks on.

LEFT BOTTOM: Sophomore Kris Hafso watches from the bench awaiting the line change.

ABOVE: Junior Nick Miley works the puck around the offensive end from the point.

TEAM STATS

15 out of 17
shots goalie Mark Baker blocked in the shootout of the April 15 game to play in the championship round

27
regular season goals scored by top scorer Josh Kerns

6
goals scored in the playoffs by each of the top three scorers: Ben Ferderer, Barret Urness and Kris Hafso

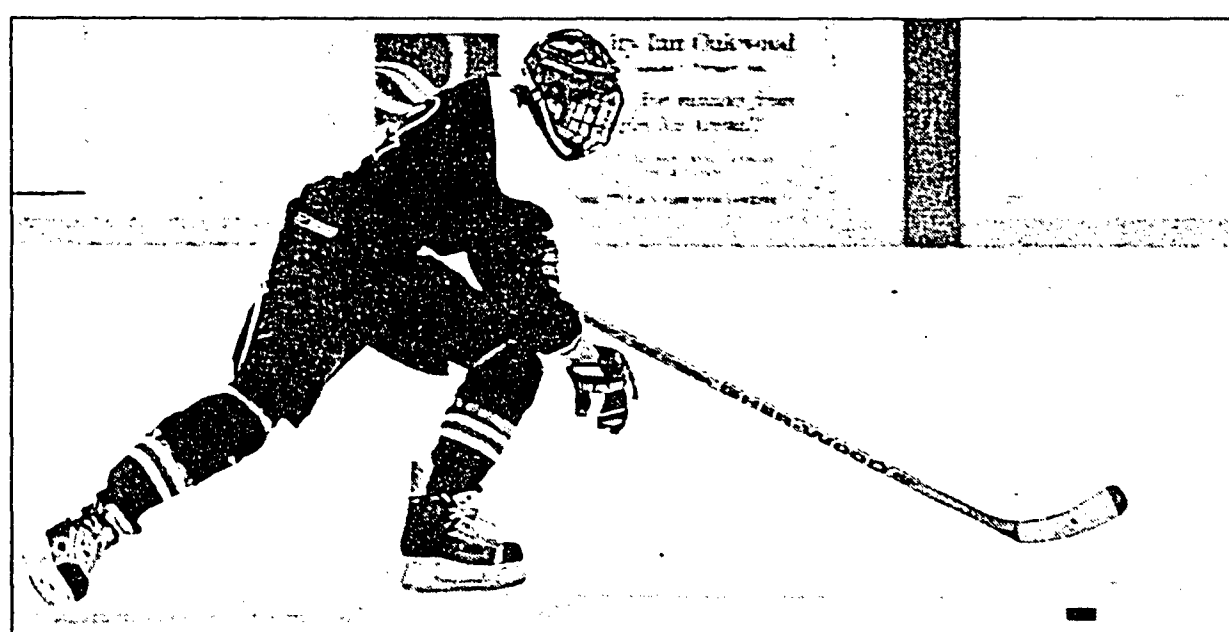
60
minutes Nick Miley spent in the penalty box

3-2
playoff record

6-6
the score at the end of regular playing time during the April 15 game that would determine who would continue to the championship round

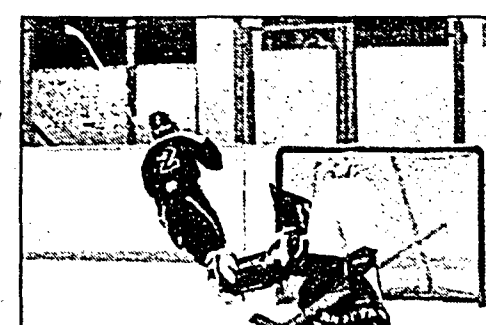
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Information courtesy of the Whitworth hockey team



SCORING THE GOAL

Mt. Spokane High School senior Beau Ferderer controls the puck as he moves to take a penalty shot. Ferderer scored on the ensuing shot, giving the Whitworth hockey team the first goal of the game. They went on to lose 4-2.



Acts of the Apostles

Senior dance project depicts biblical messages

Julie Wootton
Staff writer

The biblical book of Acts came alive through speech, song and dance last Saturday in the Seeley G. Mudd Chapel.

Acts of the Apostles, a senior sacred dance project by Jocelyn Wilson and Laura Force, drew a large crowd of students, faculty and community members, packing the Chapel. The 45-minute long performance was a compilation of verses from Acts as well as dance and music — in the form of singing as well as both recorded traditional and contemporary worship songs.

"Sacred movement and dancing as a form of worship is new to a lot of people and it was exciting to be part of a production that can help bring that to our community," said sophomore Keiley Munnich, who played a person in the crowd.

Unlike many other senior projects, Wilson and Force are not music or theatre majors. Wilson is a biology major and Force is a math major.

Wilson and Force participated in Meghan Chaffin's senior sacred dance project "The Passion of Perpetua & Felicitas" last year and decided they needed to carry on the tradition.

"Acts of the Apostles was an original idea and covers segments of the first nine books of Acts," Wilson said. "The main events include Pentecost, the stoning of Stephen and the conversion of Paul. The performance is associated with Jubilation in that a lot of Jubilation leadership was in the show."

Wilson and Force collaborated to come up with the script for Acts of the Apostles.

"The script is a synthesis of verses from Acts and from three different translations of the Bible: the NIV [New International Version], the King James and the New King James versions," Wilson said.

In addition to verses from the Bible, Acts of the Apostles also included sacred movement improvisation.

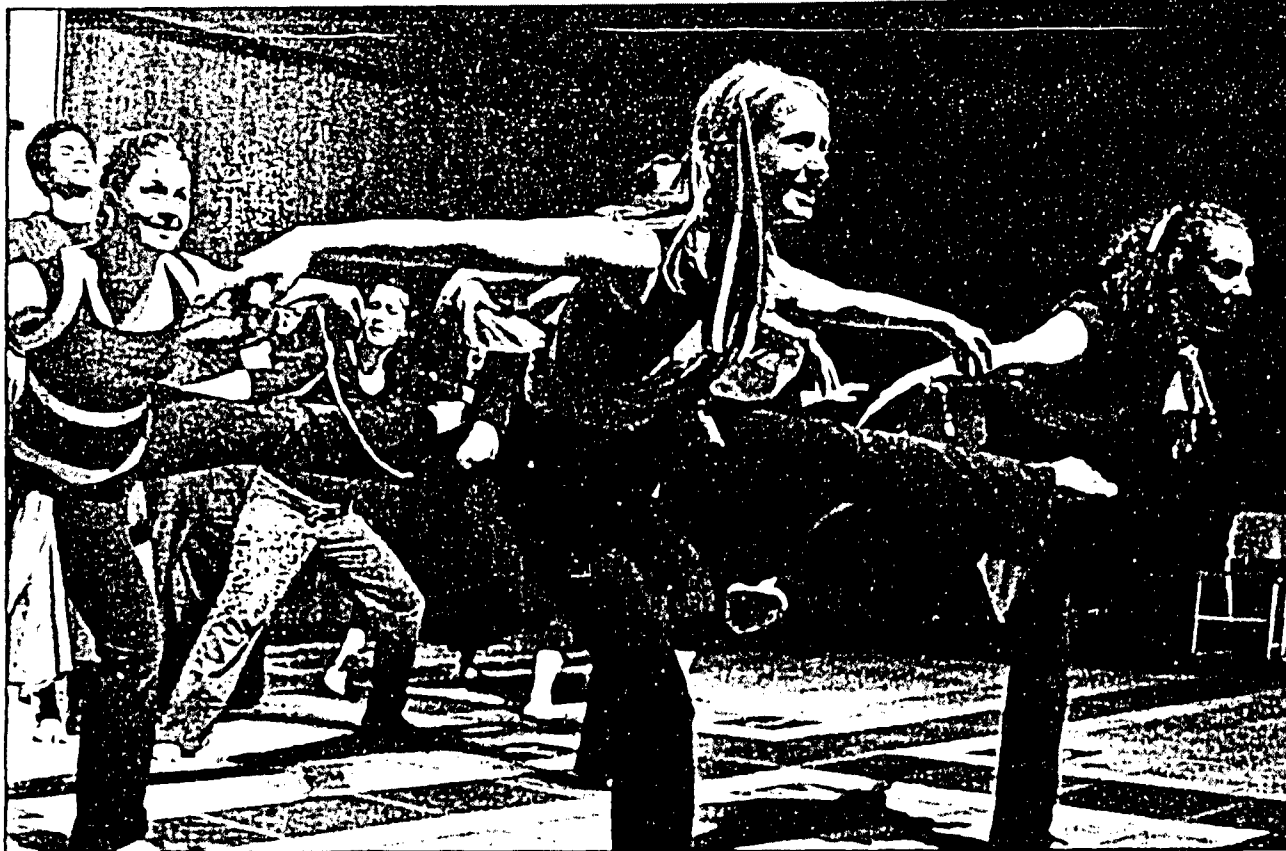
"During the Pentecost dance, the dancers represented the Holy Spirit," Force said. "As directors, Jocelyn and I did not want to limit the spirituality of movement with specific choreography, so we allowed them to move as the spirit led them."

Acts of the Apostles included eight dances, choreographed by Force.

"Laura has the talent of crafting amazing original dances," Wilson said.

"I had a great time learning the songs and dances," said sophomore Chris Caldwell, who played Saul. "I have never had directors who were as caring as Jocelyn and Laura."

Exceptional Praise, under the direction of senior Sha'na'ny McQuirter, started off the performance in song. They were



Alissa Jones Whitworthian

Dancers illustrate Saul's restoration of vision at Saturday's Acts of the Apostles. The senior project, an interpretation of various biblical stories, was choreographed and directed by seniors Jocelyn Wilson and Laura Force.

joined by dancers dressed in brown who played people in the crowd and dancers in black outfits draped with orange ribbons, representing flames of the Holy Spirit.

The day of Pentecost was portrayed with narration by five voices of the chorus and the characters of Peter, Stephen, Ananias and two apostles. Dancers portrayed the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Through words and dance, the audience was introduced to Saul, who is talking to the Sadducees and persecuting Christians. A dance shows the restoration of Saul's vision and his preaching in the synagogue, while the townspeople are amazed by his conversion.

Peter ended the performance by encouraging believers in their faith and the Gospel Choir and dancers performed the same song as in the beginning of the performance.

The performance ended on a powerful note with the cast walking down the aisles reciting the Lord's Prayer. Audience members were invited to remain seated and reflect.

The idea behind Acts of the Apostles began with Judy Mandeville's Intro. to Sacred Dance class that Wilson and Force took during Jan Term three years ago.

"It is immensely gratifying to see sacred dance rooted with such passion in the lives of Laura and Jocelyn," said Judy Mandeville, an adjunct faculty member in the kinesiology & athletics department, who played Gamaliel in

Acts of the Apostles. "The fruits of their labor was a profoundly dynamic production of the story that transforms and community that binds."

In preparation for the performance, the cast of about 25 people began rehearsing two weeks into the spring semester.

"We asked people we knew from previous sacred movement classes or from Jubilation if they would like to be involved," Force said. "When deciding the cast, we asked them about their strengths and any areas they really wanted to be involved in, like acting or dancing. It worked out really well; it was like the cast was hand-picked by God and fell into our laps."

Wilson and Force said they left much of the direction up to the cast in terms of how to portray the biblical events.

"We were flexible to suggestions the whole time since Jocelyn and I are not experts in theology," Force said. "Something that amazes me about Whitworth is the willingness of people to step outside what they know. We had a very diverse cast—some had been dancing or acting almost all their lives and some had never been on stage before."

Wilson and Force said they were grateful for the cast.

"The collaboration as a cast was intentional in this project and what came to fruition was a beautiful piece," Wilson said.

Students, nation protest LGBT discrimination

Dani King
Staff writer

Last Wednesday, April 18, a group of students involved in the Unity in Action club participated in the "Day of Silence," the largest student-led action towards creating safer school environments in terms of sexual orientation and gender expression.

Students vowed to be silent for the day until 5:00 p.m. to raise awareness for those who remain silent about their sexual orientation for fear of discrimination from their peer groups.

Many students with tape covering their mouths passed out cards around campus that said, "Please understand my reasons for not speaking today. I am participating in the Day of Silence, a national youth movement protesting the silence faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and their allies. My deliberate silence echoes that silence, which is caused by harassment, prejudice and discrimination. I believe that ending the silence is the first step toward fighting these injustices."

Think about the voices you are not hearing today."

Freshman John Kuhn saw the day as a way for students to gain exposure to viewpoints outside their own.

"Look around in Lied Square. On average, but not always, the athletes eat together, the gays and allies eat together, the blacks have their spot, the drama kids, etc.," Kuhn said. "Although that isn't strictly Whitworth's fault, I see it as a side-effect because this school isn't doing all that it could to embrace diversity. However, I must say, the quick response to racial injustices at our school is something to be noted and respected."

Students who participated in the Day of Silence had a variety of responses from students on campus as a result of their demonstration.

"My experience was generally posi-

tive," junior Kristen Black said. "There were only a few negative interactions with people who didn't agree, who made fun of me or tried to argue with me about why I was doing it. I also got called some pretty nasty names related to my own sexual orientation. People just don't understand how I can support and advocate for the GLBTQ (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer) community while not being homosexual myself, and I find it sad that there are such strong stereotypes against that community here."

Kuhn said there are many students who regard the Day of Silence as all the gays and their friends who want to be seen as a separate group.

"In reality, we don't have any agenda beyond wanting intolerance and discrimination to end."

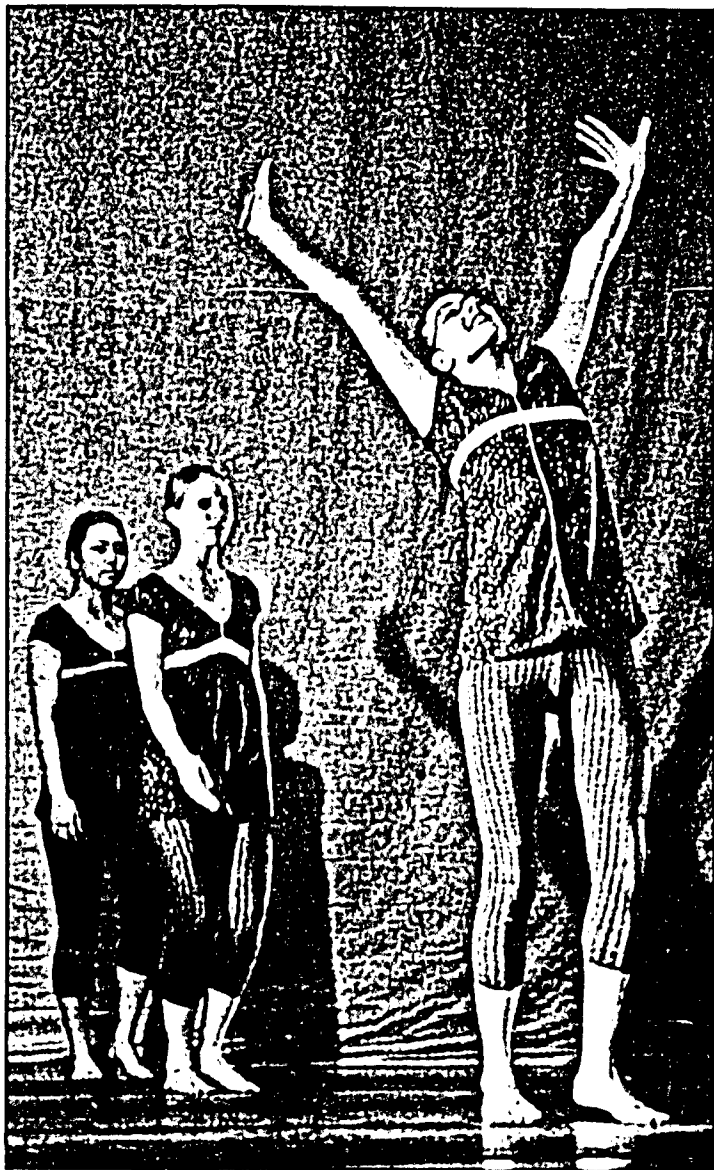
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Li Bowie Whitworthian

Students organize for the Day of Silence, a nationwide protest against discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender expression.

Dancers unite for festival



Thomas Robinson/Whitworthian

Junior Alice Clawson rehearses a performance for the American College Dance Festival.

Laura Richardson
Staff writer

Teaching at Whitworth and Gonzaga since 2000 made it natural for choreographer and director Suzanne Ostersmith to combine the schools for the American College Dance Festival this year.

"Doubling up the schools makes it twice the size and twice the experience," Ostersmith said.

Ostersmith has taken student delegates from Whitworth and Gonzaga to ACDF for the past four years, but this Spring Break was the first time the two schools performed together.

Ostersmith picked 10 female dancers, five from Whitworth and five from Gonzaga, from a pool of applicants. The 10 she picked were experienced dancers, which allowed them to jump right into rigorous rehearsals.

"It was like I had my own company," Ostersmith said. "I could expect more from them."

The dance team rehearsed for four months before ACDF but struggled finding time and rehearsal space.

"Facility is always an issue," Ostersmith said. "Getting rehearsal space is difficult."

Dancers performed at the northwest regional ACDF conference at the University of Montana, March 28 to 31. Students traveled to Missoula, Mont. to present "In Stride" and "Ionisation."

Ostersmith choreographed "In Stride" as the team's adjudicated piece.

The seven-minute modern dance features flexed feet and wrists, breakout solo dances and vibrant lighting.

Because lights are key in setting the mood for a piece, Ostersmith was grateful to have Jennifer Read, technical director of Cowles Memorial Auditorium, design lighting for "In Stride."

Junior Virginia Moore, a dance minor from Gonzaga, choreographed "Ionisation" for the four other Gonzaga dancers.

Ostersmith took her inspiration for "In Stride" from the music. When she listened to the piece "Off Shore," by

Nick Bracegirdle, the music evoked a sense of a journey, Ostersmith said.

The music contained a pulsing rhythm, reminiscent of walking, Ostersmith said.

She decided to base the piece on the concept that all individuals are walking together through life, but may be pulled away during the journey.

"Sometimes we're in stride with the others around us," Ostersmith said. "Other times we're breaking out from the group."

Ostersmith had each dancer create her own character to emphasize individuality. Characters wave off stage, look at their watches, trip and fall and break into solo dances.

Ostersmith had to give some dancers explicit directions.

"Some dancers thrive in creating a

See DANCE, page 12

CLICK IT

Want to read about a typical day at the ACDF competition? How about photos from rehearsals? Check it out at: www.whitworthian.com

Relay supports cancer fighter

Bethany Hergert
Staff writer

Amongst tears and the flicker of luminaries that lined the inside of the Fieldhouse last Friday night, a Whitworth student was confronted with and supported in her disease. This was the third year Whitworth has held a Relay for Life event, and the first year in which this student participated as a current cancer fighter.

Relay for Life, an annual fundraising event sponsored by the American Cancer Society, and put on by Whitworth's Colleges Against Cancer club embodies the idea that cancer never sleeps, so neither will the participants.

Friday night, from opening ceremonies at 6 p.m. to closing ceremonies at 9 a.m. Saturday, a member of each fundraising team continued walking around a loop inside the Fieldhouse to exemplify this philosophy.

The student, who wishes to remain anonymous, was not unfamiliar with her disease. She was first diagnosed with Smooth Muscle Sarcoma in 2003 at age 17. It was surprising for her, and rather surreal.

"I was just like, crap. That sucks," she said. "I was kind of numb about it and blew it off like whatever, this isn't me, this isn't my life."

She received treatment and a clean bill of health until earlier this semester when the cancer returned. She participated in the relay last year, but describes the experience much differently between being healthy and sick.

"People were really surprised last year because they didn't know," she said.

Probably the strangest experience for her was having the luminaries that line the loop in the gym have her name on them as a survivor.

"I didn't really like walking by them; it kind of freaked me out. Then it was like, you know, these people are loving and supporting me," she said. "It was interesting to walk around with the other supporters as we each pointed out our own names, and after a few times around, each other's names."

This year however, currently fighting the disease, the experience was more bittersweet.

"There was a period of time this year when I got really bitter when the other survivors would come up to talk to me. I was thinking 'why do

you get to get better, and I'm still sick?'," she said. "One of the survivors put it in perspective for me. She told me to just suck it up, because we've all been there. And that helped."

The evening was more difficult as well because she was not celebrating her survival, as in the previous year, but instead acknowledging her continued struggle.

"I had a sort of mental breakdown in the middle and ended up in the corner crying. But I had great friends here to support me," she said. "It was hard because I'm used to being the happy kid all the time. Just lying in the middle of the track being the vulnerable one weeping and people walking by me; it was humbling."

Oftentimes she is distracted by her disease she says, or intentionally distracts herself from it, which can make school difficult. The relay was a reminder of the fact she has cancer, but was filled with hope as well.

"It's the reality though. I'm struggling. It's hard. It sucks," she said. "Overall the night has very hard, but now it is pretty positive. It's pretty hopeful."

Adrian Teo, associate professor of psychology, cancer survivor and keynote speaker of the night spoke of his story of survival, a story not unfamiliar to this student, as she has spoken to him personally, however it resonated with just as much power.

"I found it inspiring and it gave me a lot of hope," she said. "It was a reminder that God is always with me, and I am never alone in that respect."

Teo emphasized finding meaning within your suffering, whether it is cancer or otherwise, a meaning this student finds in her faith.

"I learned that life is not about avoiding death. Death isn't the final answer," she said. "So many things we do or don't do are about evading death, but life is about Christ."

As the relay came to a finish, and the few straggling walkers struggled around the track, the student along with several other students offered the suffering this disease causes, and the meaning found therein up to God in a time of worship. The gym fell silent as they called out to God as survivors, strugglers and supporters in the fight against cancer.



Katie Akamine/Whitworthian

Freshmen Becky Herington, Whitney Pitts and Caitlin Richardson round a corner during last Friday's Relay for Life in the Fieldhouse.

CANCER FACTS & FIGURES

►Cancer is the second leading cause of death, behind heart disease.

►1,444,920 people in the United States will get cancer.

►559,650 people in the United States will die due to cancer-related illness.

►Cigarette smoking and other types of tobacco are blamed for 90 percent of lung cancer.

►Among the types of cancer, lung cancer is the most deadly.

Information courtesy of the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org, www.infoplease.com and www.cnn.com

City LIFE

Film highlights GI Movement in Vietnam War

There will be a showing of the film "Sir! No Sir!: The Suppressed Story of the GI Movement to End the War in Vietnam" at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 27.

The film is by David Zeiger and describes the movement within the army that attempted to stop the Vietnam War. A \$5 donation is requested and free popcorn will be provided. This event will take place at the Community Building at 35 W. Main Ave.

Waller to speak at Genocide memorial event

There will be a commemoration of the Armenian Genocide on April 24. The event will be held at St. Gregorios Orthodox Church at 6:30 p.m. It will be a service of presentation on the genocide and prayer and will include a lecture by James Waller, professor of psychology. Admission is free.

Restaurants donating funds to AIDS network

Take a break from your normal fare on Thursday, April 26 and dine out to help those suffering from AIDS. Participating restaurants have pledged to donate 20 percent of their food and alcohol sales for the day to the Spokane AIDS Network.

Participating restaurants include Bennedito's Pizza, Bistango's Martini Lounge, Café Marron, Catacomb's Pub, Fai's Noodle House at Northern Quest Casino, Herbal Essence Café, Luigi's, Mizuna Restaurant and Wine Bar, Niko's Greek and Middle East Restaurant, and Woodland at Northern Quest Casino.

Library to host book sale of children's items

Friends of Spokane Public Library will be hosting a book sale that will run through Saturday, April 28. The sale will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature new and used children's books, fiction and non-fiction books, jigsaw puzzles and one-of-a-kind items.

Most items are \$1 but some are priced as marked. This event is located in rooms 1A and 1B at the Downtown Spokane Library.

Compiled by Calli Strellnauer

Scene

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BRIEFSWomen's Week
events break
gender division

Women's Week, hosted by WISE, offers events throughout this week. Today features "That Takes Ovaries" at 9 p.m. in the Hixson Union Building. The event will highlight female achievements. Tomorrow is "Women's Only" a question and answer session about female health issues, at 9:30 p.m. in the Seeley G. Mudd Chapel.

Other demonstrations and discussions will be held later in the week. Contact Amy Newton at anewton07@whitworth.edu with any questions.

Blood drive
today, tomorrow
in Duvall lounge

The American Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive today and tomorrow in Duvall's first and second floor lounges.

Slots are available today from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and tomorrow from noon until 6 p.m.

Contact Jan Murray at jmurray@whitworth.edu with questions or to sign up for a slot.

Compiled by Joy Bacon

DANCE: Director encourages company atmosphere through collaboration

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character," Ostersmith said. "For others, that's kind of scary."

For junior Jeannie Sibbett, a Whitworth theatre major and dance minor, developing characters is her forte, so she enjoyed the solo breakout part Ostersmith offered her. Toward the end of the dance Sibbett breaks away from the group and performs a frantic, energetic solo.

"[My character] was very influenced by the movement Suzanne gave me. The movements felt so defiant, like I was breaking out of a claustrophobic situation," Sibbett said. While Ostersmith gave her some movements to guide her, Sibbett said she had a lot of room to experiment.

While Sibbett enjoyed the chance to work with a breakout solo, she worried about how people would react to her bigger parts.

"I didn't want to seem like the prima donna," Sibbett said.

When the dancers started working, Ostersmith told them they would be like a true dance company where not everyone has an equal part, Sibbett said.

Ostersmith made sure people knew the choice of dancers for breakout parts was not about talent, Sibbett said.

Instead of becoming competitive over roles in the dance, the 10 dancers collaborated.

"I think all of us were just hyper-enthused to present a piece from both schools to begin with," Moore said. "By the time we left for ACDF, we were a company."

Ostersmith loved watching the "blurring of the schools" and hopes to combine the two schools again in future years.



Thomas Robinson/Whitworthian

Junior Megan Schuetze leaps in the air during a rehearsal for the American College Dance Festival.

"There were times we were walking to classes and there was no division of schools," Ostersmith said. "They really lifted each other up."

Ostersmith said their hard work and dedication came to fruition when they performed "In Stride" at the adjudicated concert.

"That final moment I saw them on stage, I got

a little choked up," Ostersmith said. "This was a really hardworking, smart, smart group."

The morning following the concert, each team of dancers that performed the previous night gathered to hear the judges' feedback in a group adjudication session.

Because ACDF is an exhibition and a learning experience, rather than a competition, the dancers did not have to worry about being ranked. Instead, they could concentrate on learning from constructive criticism and honest feedback, Ostersmith said.

Ostersmith said she hoped the audience and the adjudicators would be taken in by the dance.

"You want the audience to be gripped and connect emotionally," Ostersmith said at a preview for the dances two weeks before the conference.

The adjudicators told the Whitworth and Gonzaga team that their occasionally surprising movements and bold choices helped them connect with "In Stride," Ostersmith said.

"The feedback was really quite positive. They said the concept was very clearly presented," Ostersmith said.

The adjudication process was especially rewarding for the dancers, Ostersmith said, because of all the time and energy they had poured into "In Stride."

"The most encouraging thing was Suzanne's wish for us to succeed because of what each of us contributed to 'In Stride,'" Moore said. "We had just the right amount of direction and enough freedom to really call 'In Stride' our piece."

The Whitworth and Gonzaga team have not yet finished working with their piece. They will perform "In Stride" at Gonzaga's Spring Dance Concert and Whitworth's Broadway Unbound.

PROTEST: Event welcomes all participants regardless of sexual orientation

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nation to end. That's the problem with the Day of Silence in an age of intolerance," Kuhn said.

GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network) founder and executive director Kevin Jennings on the Day of Silence Web site emphasized that this event is not just for a certain group

of students who are set apart from the majority, but it is something for all students to take action in regardless of sexual orientation."

Jennings said. "These students — LGBT and straight — are an example of youth taking constructive action by coming together with a positive message. As President Bush said after this week's tragedy at Virginia Tech: 'Schools should

be places of safety, sanctuary and learning.' These students are doing their part to accomplish that goal."

"I think a lot of the problems at Whitworth with diversity issues stem from the fact that people with perspectives and backgrounds that are uncommon at Whitworth don't get heard" said freshman Peter Labberton in light of Whitworth's recent discrimination controver-

sies. "This is either because they are afraid to speak up because they fear the reaction of their peers, or because their opinions are disregarded. This is what Day of Silence addresses," Labberton said. "At a place like Whitworth, we as students need to take advantage of all the diversity we can get because the real world is not this homogeneous."

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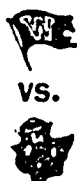
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Game to watch

Whitworth vs. Linfield
Softball
Saturday, April 28 @ Noon
Marks Field (Doubleheader)



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April 24, 2007

SWEET 16: Softball tops in Northwest Conference, winning streak breaks college records

KT Pridgen
Staff writer

The Whitworth softball team maintained its spot at the top of the Northwest Conference last weekend and broke the Whitworth record for both consecutive wins and wins in a season. They swept Willamette in double headers on Saturday and Sunday to run their winning streak to 16 games.

The Pirates are currently in first place in the NWC and a coaches poll has ranked the women's softball team eighth in the nation.

"We still have one more weekend left and that will be the deciding fac-

tor," junior infielder Lacey Parry said.

Last Saturday, the Pirates overcame the Bearcats 8-2 in the first game and shut Willamette out 8-0 in the second. The score was tied one to one after the first inning, but Whitworth took it away in the second inning with the help of a grand slam by Parry. Whitworth allowed Willamette only one more run in the third inning and scored two more runs in the fourth and fifth innings. Whitworth pitcher junior Jessie LaPlante was awarded the win, throwing six strikeouts in the game.

The Pirates won the second game on Saturday in only five innings on

the eight-run mercy rule. Whitworth scored three runs in the second inning to gain a lead that would not be contested for the rest of the game.

The Pirates scored five more runs without allowing any, ending the game after the fifth inning.

The Pirates stepped up on Sunday. "We had a lot of big innings where we scored a lot of runs, and we had several home runs this weekend," Parry said.

The Pirates faced their closest game of the NWC season when they faced the Bearcats for the first game on Sunday, winning 9-7.

The Pirates didn't let up in the final game of the weekend, taking

Willamette again 9-4. Eight of Whitworth's nine runs came in an impressive second inning. Junior Morgen Thomsen opened the inning with a double to left field and later scored a run on a single by Fowler. Thomsen later hit another double to bring both Kerr and Case home. Whitworth scored their last run in the fifth inning when sophomore designated hitter Rachel Anderson hit a home run. Whitworth pitcher junior Jennifer Eckhoff ended the game with eight strikeouts against Willamette.

The Pirates will play their final NWC games in a four game series against No. 2 Linfield at home this weekend.

STREAK Statistics

8th

the team's ranking in the D-III NFCA poll as of April 18.

8.4

the average number of runs scored by the Pirates during the winning streak.

March 26

the last loss before the streak started. Pirates fell to La Verne 4-1.

Compiled by Peter Smelser

NBA's MVP award is a joke

Mike Novasky
Staff writer

Yes, it's that time of year. The NBA Playoffs have arrived and everybody has begun speculating about who the Most Valuable Player should be.

Generally, I spend this time trying not to care, instead expecting to be disappointed with the results. This all began when Karl Malone 'runner-upped' his way into an MVP ten years ago. Once the NBA went all Academy Awards on us and started handing out Lifetime Achievement MVPs,

it became hard for sports fans to give a crap.

But as the new NBA renaissance has taken hold, my interest has been renewed. Renewed, at least, only to be let down by even more ridiculous distribution of the award.

Take the last two years.

Two years ago was by all accounts a pathetic year for the NBA. Every match-up seemed to be a defensive battle. The season was dominated by the San Antonio Spurs and Detroit Pistons and culminated in the most boring Finals of all time. In fact, the Sonics won their division starting Danny Fortson.

But one player was more exciting than the rest as he had a breakout year.

Siege Nash.

With 11 assists per game and 15 points, Nash took his game to a whole new level. But even with those assist numbers, it takes something special to win the MVP award with only 15 points.

That something special turned out to be a lack of competition.

That's right, nobody else was a legitimate contender. Tim Duncan had a good year but had started to slip a little bit. Shaq had officially hit the backside of his career, and Kobe had made himself into a pariah, alienating just about the entire league.

Nash revived his career that year and played as well as anybody else. But winning the MVP was more of a last resort than recognition of a truly outstanding year.

The following year was a much different story. This was the emergence of the class of 2003. LeBron finally hit his stride. Dwayne Wade became the most exciting player in the league. Kobe showed that he could contend with anybody on his team. All three players carried their teams and deserved the award last year.

Yet somehow Nash won again. Sure he increased his scoring a bit at the sacrifice of an assist or two. But that's just the natural fallout from missing Amar'e Stoudemire for the whole season. Besides, how is anybody alright with an MVP that was considered a defensive casualty?

The truth is that the first year was a fluke and last year was a travesty. To make things more ridiculous, everybody is now complaining that winning a third MVP will put Nash in a hallowed category that he

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Freshmen make immediate impact by placing third in NWC



Photos courtesy of Rachel Dubes

LEFT: Assistant coach Beth Wrigley and freshmen Alicia Bratlien, Krystal Pitkonen, Mariessa Stombaugh and Rachel Dubes. RIGHT: Freshman Rachel Dubes putts at the NWC Tournament on April 14-15.

Four freshmen drive success

Colin Storm
Sports editor

Two years ago, Whitworth could not even field a women's golf team. Now, thanks to four freshmen, they are moving up the Northwest Conference standings at a staggering pace.

The Pirates finished the NWC Tournament in third place, jumping the Willamette University Bearcats from fourth place overall into third place in the final standings.

"I think it's really exciting," freshman Alicia Bratlien said. "I didn't expect to do that right away."

Bratlien, along with freshmen teammates Krystal Pitkonen, Rachel Dubes and Mariessa Stombaugh, placed third in the NWC Fall Classic, a tournament worth 25 percent of the final standings. Then the foursome finished third in the NWC Spring Classic, another tournament worth 25 percent of the final standings.

With the third-place finish in the final tournament, the NWC Tournament that accounts for 50 percent of the final standings, the Pirates took third place securing a third place overall finish in the final standings.

The opening round of the two-day

"I think (finishing third is) really exciting. I didn't expect to do this right away."

Alicia Bratlien,
freshman

NWC Tournament on April 14 saw high winds and high scores. Bratlien shot a 90 on the first day, good enough to give her a tie for sixth-place overall and 13 shots behind the leader.

"On this course you had to plan out the hole before you started," Dubes said. "I found myself playing a more strategic game."

Dubes and Bratlien both noted that it was a tough course due to wind on the first day and the odd sand traps.

"It was the first time this year that I shot better on the second day," Dubes said. "It was really encouraging because I had to have confidence in my swing."

The Pirates have come a long way since the start of the women's golf program in 2004. The first season the Pirates fielded a team they finished last in the NWC, 52 strokes behind the next closest team. In 2005, Whitworth

failed to field a full team and did not score in the final standings. Last season, the Pirates once again finished last in the NWC, this time 71 strokes behind the next closest team and 192 strokes behind the winner, Pacific University.

Despite having four players, they still managed to finish in third place this season.

The top four scores are the ones used for the total team score, so while most other teams have the luxury of playing five or six players and throwing out the bottom scores, Whitworth uses all of the girls' scores.

After the first day, Bratlien was in sixth, Dubes was only four strokes behind her in 12th place with a 94, Pitkonen was right behind shooting a 95 and Stombaugh was one stroke behind Pitkonen shooting a 96. After day one, the Pirates were sitting in fourth place.

On the second day, the Pirates were the only team to have every team member shoot better than day one, resulting in the third place finish overall.

With the graduation of some top players in the NWC, the Pirates are excited about what the future holds.

"We are all different," Bratlien said. "But we all get along so well."





Baseball

	NWC	ALL
PLU	18-3	29-7
George Fox	16-5	25-5
Linfield	14-7	19-14
UPS	13-8	16-18-1
Whitworth	9-12	13-21
L&C	8-12	12-17
Willamette	7-13	15-18
Pacific	4-14	11-22
Whitman	3-18	5-27

Next Pirate game:

Whitworth at Linfield (DH)
Saturday, April 28 @ Noon

Softball

	NWC	ALL
Whitworth	24-0	29-3
Linfield	21-1	30-4
Pacific	16-6	24-8
Willamette	11-13	17-16
PLU	10-14	16-15
UPS	8-14	19-15
George Fox	4-22	6-28
L&C	2-26	4-34

Next Pirate game:

Whitworth vs. Simon Fraser
Friday, April 27 @ 1:30 p.m.

Men's Tennis

	NWC	ALL
Whitman	16-0	23-6
PLU	14-2	14-9
Linfield	12-4	16-11
UPS	9-7	9-9
Willamette	8-8	10-12
Whitworth	6-10	6-16
George Fox	4-12	4-12
L&C	3-13	3-13
Pacific	0-16	0-16

NWC Final Standings (after tournament): 1) PLU; 2) Whitman; 3) Linfield; 4) Willamette; 5) Whitworth; 6) UPS

Women's Tennis

	NWC	ALL
Linfield	16-0	17-5
Whitman	13-4	18-7
UPS	12-4	14-4
PLU	11-6	13-7
Whitworth	8-8	9-11
Willamette	6-10	7-14
L&C	5-11	7-13
George Fox	1-15	1-16
Pacific	1-15	1-17

NWC Final Standings (after tournament): 1) Linfield; 2) UPS; 3) Whitman; 4) PLU; 5) Whitworth; 6) Willamette

Player of THE WEEK

Justine Hays
Sophomore

Won 6-2, 6-1 to clinch win over Willamette

Spaun leads Pirates to third place

Colin Storm
Sports editor

Junior Ben Spaun won two individual titles to lead the Whitworth men's track and field team to a third place finish at the 2007 NWC Championships last weekend.

Spaun won the 110-meter high hurdles and the 400-meter hurdles, two of Whitworth's five individual events won in Tacoma, Wash. The five events won were the most in the NWC Championships for the men since they won the 2001 NWC title.

Other individual winners were freshman Cody Stelzer in the high jump with a leap of 6'7". Stelzer tied in height with the University of Puget Sound's Brian Kramer, but won because of fewer misses.

Freshman Jeff Kintner won the discus with a throw of 43.8 meters. Sophomore Joey VanHoomissen won the hammer throw with a toss

of 47.63 meters.

On the women's side, junior Kristin Dormaier placed in five events including a second place finish in the triple jump (34'10.5") and a fourth place finish in the long jump (15'1").

Dormaier also finished in fifth place in two events: the high jump (4'7.5") and 100-meter dash (13.31).

Both Dormaier and Spaun carried over finishes from previous NWC championships on April 14-15.

Dormaier finished second in the heptathlon and Spaun finished third in the decathlon, giving both competitors 29 individual points.

Senior Suzy Vidulich earned the lone women's NWC title by winning the high jump, re-

cording a jump of 1.61 meters.

Sophomore Jenna Hays also did well for the Pirates, placing in three different events. Hays was fourth in the 100-meter hurdles (16.09) and 400-meter hurdles (1:05.8), and was seventh in the pole vault (10'0").

Sophomore Kory Kemp improved his national qualifying throw in the javelin on the men's side, by throwing 195'2" and finishing third.

Linfield won the men's meet with 211.83 points, with Willamette taking second and Whitworth coming in third.

Willamette won the women's meet with 257.33 points, followed by George Fox, Linfield and Whitworth.

The Pirates will next race at the Duane Hartman Invite hosted by Spokane Falls Community College this weekend. The Div. III track and field championships will be held on May 24-26 in Oshkosh, Wis.



SPAUN

Sprinter breaking ligaments and Whitworth track records

Renee Huggins
Staff writer

In 1965, Loren McKnight set the Whitworth record in the 800-meter at 1:51.44. It had stayed the same until two weeks ago.

On April 14, junior Brandon Howell broke the record by one tenth of a second. In that same race time, Howell also ended up breaking the Boppell Track record, set by Linfield's Josh O'Conner in 1995, which was 1:52.54.



HOWELL

In 2003, Howell suffered a torn ACL while playing football and ended up red shirting into his first year on the track team. The 2003-04 sports seasons were the last, by Div. III standards, that anyone would be allowed to red

shirt a year of athletics, in any sport, and have it count against the student as a year of eligibility.

During Howell's sophomore year he decided not to play football in order to let his knee heal.

"I could not cut as well on the field and I was afraid to get hurt again," Howell said. "Plus I figured I would not be very successful playing football."

So Howell started running for the cross country team once his knee was ready in order to get more preparation and training for track.

The athletic training staff at Whitworth helped Howell recover from his injury with a rehabilitation schedule and numerous strengthening exercises.

"I was not supposed to run until two to three months after my surgery and even

then, I just started out jogging," Howell said.

Howell did everything the trainers told him and by the 2005 track season, he was able to regain his strength on the track.

Even though Howell broke the 42-year-old Whitworth record, he was four hundredths of a second away from an automatic qualification into Nationals. There are two ways to qualify for Nationals in Div. III athletics, automatic qualifications and provisional qualifications. The provisional qualification takes the top 16 best times in the nation among Div. III schools. Howell will most likely make it to the Div. III Track & Field Championships in Oshkosh, Wis. This will be Howell's second trip to compete in the outdoor nationals for track and field. Howell made it to nationals in 2005 with the ninth best time in the nation for the 800. During that visit to nationals, Howell didn't place well because of fatigue.

"I was in second with about 150 [meters] to go and then just 'died,'" Howell said.

He also qualified for a provisional spot in 2006 but was not ranked high enough to get a spot in the meet. This year Howell is pumped for the opportunity to return and hopefully claim a place that he has trained hard for.

Howell is a senior in age but a junior by credits and he will be returning next year to the track and cross country teams.

"I am not ready to grow up yet," Howell said.

He is going to be working on endurance training and a lot of the same things as this year to prepare for the next.

"The thing to do to improve is to enter into races. Going up against people is the best way to improve," Howell said. "The nice thing about running is that you have the opportunity to improve with every race."

NBA

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doesn't belong in. And he doesn't.

But giving the award to Dirk Nowitzki is just as ridiculous.

Where is Tim Duncan in this debate? Tracy McGrady? Kobe Bryant?

Why does this have to be a two man contest?

The fact of the matter is that Steve Nash has actually played like an MVP this year. Nowitzki has played well on a great team.

It seems that in the search to unseat Nash the media has sought out his most obvious counterpart. A former teammate and fellow goofy-looking white guy.

But this is unfair to those that truly have dominated this season. With all the focus and debate over Nash's career, we forget that Duncan is still the most dominant player of this decade.

And this year he has stepped up once again to lead his Spurs team to a close third in the brutal Western Conference. While his scoring has dipped a little, his assists and rebounds have been as high as ever. And even more importantly, he has resurrected his defensive game to anchor the best defense in the league.

He has been infinitely more indispensable to his team than Nowitzki. And it goes without saying that the Suns would be much better off with Barbosa starting if Nash went out, than the Spurs would be starting Fabricio "Oh Boy!" Oberto.

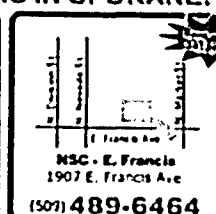
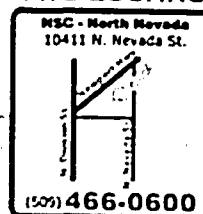
I wish I could go back to not caring about the MVP. But when great players like Tim Duncan get left by the wayside and players like Nowitzki become contenders solely because of a reactionary and irrational media, it's hard to not be disappointed with the league's most prestigious award.

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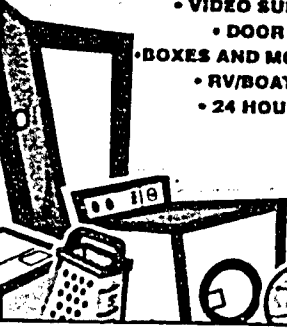
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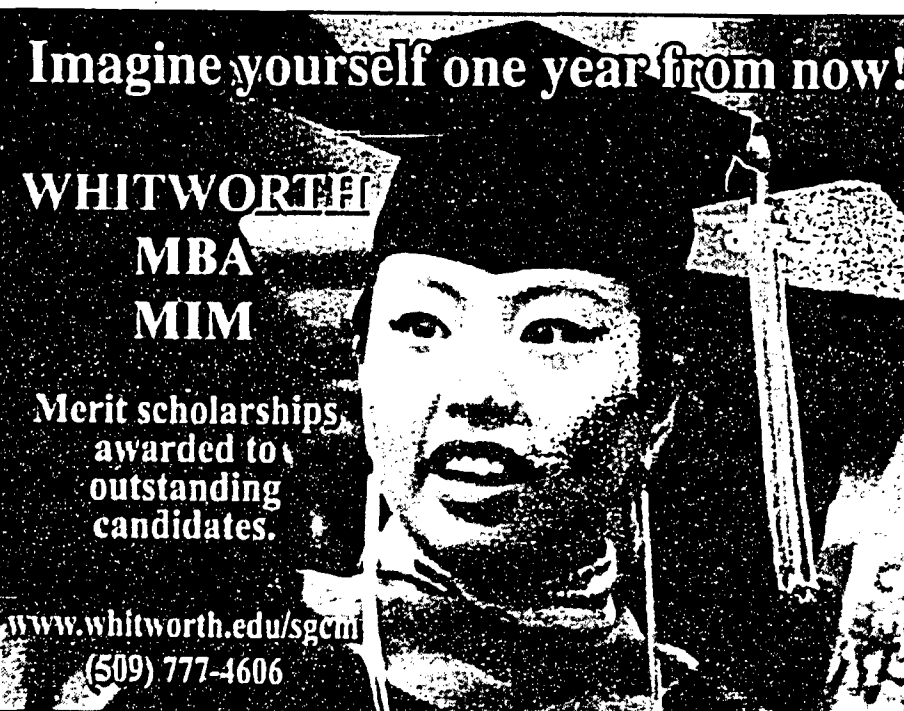


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Sports

Bucs upset Loggers for third-straight year

Justin Jose
Staff writer

The Pirates men's tennis team headed to Yakima, Wash., for the Northwest Conference tournament looking to close out the year with an exciting finish. The Bucs did just that as the men overcame a 2-1 deficit to top rival Puget Sound, 5-4, in a five and a half hour team match.

Last Friday, the Pirates were shutout by the Linfield Wildcats 9-0, putting the Pirates into the fifth place match. Yet the fifth-place match could not have been better for Whitworth, as they were pitted against their rivals, the Puget Sound Loggers, after the Loggers dropped a 5-4 decision to Willamette.

There was also the factor of Whitworth's seniors Colin Storm, Michael Carlson and Trevor Strang playing in their final match.

This was the third-straight year the Pirates would face a higher-seeded Loggers team, with both previous meetings resulting in a Pirates win.

Puget Sound took the lead in doubles as their No. 1 (junior Ed Anegon and sophomore Scott Bourne) and 3 (Storm and freshman Kellen Oetgen) teams defeated the Bucs, 8-5. Yet Carlson and junior Scott Donnell, teamed at No. 2, defeated their opponents by the same 8-5 score.

Carlson finished his career with a win as he easily dispatched of Sam McCullough, 6-0, 6-2, bringing the match score to 2-2.

Donnell, at No. 2 singles, defeated Nick Amland 7-6, 6-3 to give the Pirates a 3-2 lead. Yet it was short lived as Anegon jumped out in front of his opponent in the first set at No. 1 singles, winning 6-4, but couldn't finish as he fell in the second and third sets 6-0, 6-1. The team score was 3-3.



SCOTT

Bourne fell at No. 4 singles, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5. With the match in the balance, the Pirates No. 5 and 6 singles players, junior Curran Scott and freshman Austin Abelar, held the Pirates fate with the score in the Loggers favor 4-3.

Abelar quickly won the first set 6-2, while Scott fought back from an early 2-5 deficit to win the first set 7-6. Abelar took a 3-0 lead in the second, while Scott was down early again 1-5 as the play became suspended due to darkness. The matches moved inside the Yakima Tennis Club.

Once inside, Abelar finished off Zac Peeler 6-0 in the second set to tie the team

score at 4-4. Meanwhile, Scott's opponent, Andrew Oates, took the second set 6-1, and the match came down to best of one set at No. 5 singles.

The decisive third set between Scott and Oates would decide what team would finish in fifth place for the tournament. The stage was set for an unbelievable finish and both men did not disappoint.

"Both teams were lined up on opposite sides, watching and cheering," Scott said. "I thrive on people watching, I get excited. I viewed it as something ahead of me that I need to win, accomplish."

Oates started hot as he broke Scott's serve to take a 3-1 lead. Yet Scott was not rattled, steamrolling Oates for four consecutive games to build a 5-3 advantage.

With a 5-3 lead, Scott appeared to have the match in hand as he was serving for the match. Oates denied Scott, breaking Scott's serve and holding serve himself to bring the score to 5-5. Both men held on their serves bringing the match to 6-6 and fittingly into a tiebreaker.

In the tiebreaker, neither man gave an inch, as each won four of the first eight points. Tied 4-4, Scott held serve to take a 5-4 lead. Oates committed a crucial error though on the next point as he double faulted, giving Scott the lead 6-4. On match point, Oates

fired in a serve which Scott returned and a short rally ensued. The rally was short lived though, as Oates dumped a forehand in the net, as the Pirates players stormed the court and giving the Pirates their third-straight upset of Puget Sound in the NWC tournament.

"The team was running around me and giving me hugs, it was a touching moment," Scott said.

Despite being the decisive match point against the Loggers, Scott felt it was a team effort.

"Everyone helped out, I just happened to be the last one on the court," Scott said. "I knew (the seniors) really wanted to win so I was honored that I could finish it for them. We won the trophy as a team effort, I just happened to present it to them by winning my match."

The No. 1 seeded Whitman Missionaries dropped a 6-3 decision to No. 2 Pacific Lutheran Lutes, to give the Lutes their third-straight NWC title.

Whitworth's season ends with a 7-16 record and a fifth place finish in the NWC. The Pirates graduate three seniors, who will be tough to replace with talent and leadership in that of Carlson, Storm and Strang. But the future is bright as the Pirates return four of the top six players.

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Pirates lose rubber game to Pacific Lutheran

Derek Casanovas
Staff writer

The Pirate baseball team started the weekend with a 5-4 win Saturday over Pacific Lutheran, but lost the rhythm shortly after, losing the next two in their three-game set. Whitworth's win broke a 10-game winning streak and a 15-game Northwest Conference winning streak for the first-place Lutes.

After PLU pulled ahead for a 1-0 lead in the second inning, Whitworth came back in the third to lead 4-1.

Junior infielder Jon Whiteside opened the seventh with a double to center and scored his second run of the day on a sacrifice fly to center from senior Joel Tampien.

PLU tried to mount a comeback in the eighth, as Jordan Post doubled in Ryan Thorne. Post moved to third after junior Chad Flett's pitch squirted behind catcher Dan Ramsay. The rally continued when Tyler Green singled in Post to make it 5-3, but Flett in-



Tyler Zuck/Whitworthian

Senior Ryne Webb catches a throw from senior Joel Tampien as Lute Ryan Thorne slides in safe to second base.

duced Bryce Depew into the inning ending double play to end the threat.

Whitworth went three up and three down in the top of the ninth to give the Lutes one last gasp.

Senior short stop Ryne Webb and Tampien turned a double play for the first two outs, but Chris Bowen homered to pull PLU within one run. Flett gave the Pirates the win one batter later when he got Roger Guzman to ground out to second.

Flett won his fourth game in as many starts, throwing

a complete game and allowing four runs on nine Lute hits and striking out six.

The Lutes took a measure of revenge in the nightcap, scoring 12 runs in the first four innings en route to a 14-0 drubbing. Lutes starter Kael Fisher out dueling Pirates hurler Brandon Zimmerman by tossing a complete game shutout and improving to 4-0 on the year. Fisher allowed four Pirate hits and struck out 12.

The Lutes were buoyed by some huge hits in the game, including a grand

slam from Green in the third. The power surge did not end there, as Matt Akridge had a home run and two RBIs, Brandon Sales smacked his fourth homer of the year for PLU with a two-run job in the fourth, and Tim Young added a bomb of his own in the ninth.

Whiteside had a walk and a hit for the Pirates, while Webb and freshmen Mitch Nelson and Kyle Richardson added a hit each.

PLU won again on Sunday, taking a 14-3 decision at Merkel Field by breaking open a close game late. The Lutes scored 13 of their runs over the final three innings.

Whitworth hurlers Ryan Snell and Brett Brunner controlled most of the game from the mound, with PLU holding onto a slim 1-0 lead after six. PLU started the scoring push when Green and Justin Whitehall had consecutive RBIs in the seventh to make it 3-0.

The Lutes brought in three more runs in the eighth to make it a 6-0 game.

In the bottom half of the eighth, doubles from Tamp-

ien and outfielder J.J. Jones scored three Pirate runs to cut the deficit in half.

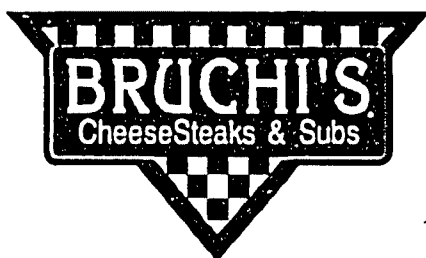
PLU scored eight runs on four hits and an error in the inning to close out the Pirates.

A play to end the inning turned into an error and gave the Lutes the opportunity they needed, as Post doubled in two runs a batter later. Logan Andrews nailed a grand slam over the right field wall for four of those runs and snuff out any hope of a Pirate comeback.

Richardson and Jones each had a pair of hits in the game for the Pirates.

Tampien had a pair of hits and five RBIs in the three games, while Ramsay chipped in with two hits and two RBIs on the weekend.

Whitworth is 13-21 overall and 9-12 in the NWC. PLU is one win or one George Fox loss away from their first NWC title since 1954. Whitworth hits the road this week, traveling to Linfield to close NWC play for the season. The Pirates won two of three last years in McMinnville.



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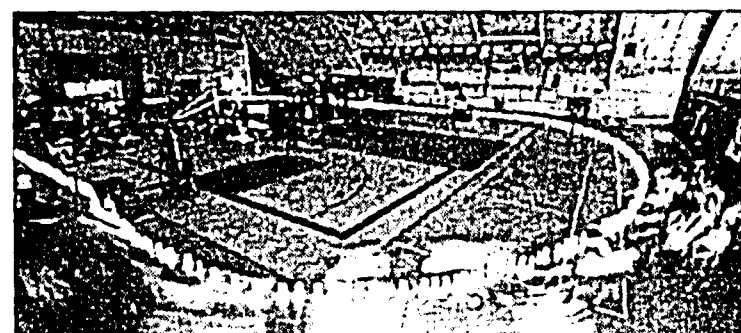
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TOP LEFT: A fireman works on a controlled burn at the vacant Cooper theme house last Saturday.

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TOP: The Cooper theme house burns.

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ABOVE: Participants walk around the track during the Relay for Life luminary ceremony last Saturday.

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TOP RIGHT: Sophomore Anna Collins-Wakeman sorts through recycling outside the Hixson Union Building last Sunday.

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MIDDLE: Junior Jeff Upton climbs an escarpment last Saturday at Bowl

and Pitcher at Riverside State Park.

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FAR MIDDLE RIGHT: Senior Kalani Iranon juggles a soccer ball during Relay for Life.

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FAR MIDDLE RIGHT BELOW: Junior Katie Zerkel applies make-up to sophomore Tyler Hamilton prior to the Mr. Relay competition.

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BOTTOM RIGHT: Students leap for joy.

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RIGHT: Junior Luke Fletcher runs around the track during Relay for Life.

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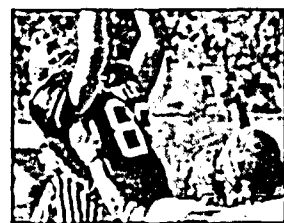
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Allan drafted by Kansas City

Senior tight end Michael Allan is 231st pick in the 2007 NFL Draft.

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"A university is what a college becomes when the faculty loses interest in students."

- John Clardi
U.S. poet
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LEFT: Students share research during the poster session last Saturday.

Jessica Carrier/Whitworthian

ABOVE: Freshman Jason Heide performs a selection from Bartok last weekend.

Thomas Robinson/Whitworthian

Students present research

Over 130 participate from Eastern, GU, Whitworth College

Luis Lopez
Staff writer

More than 130 students from Whitworth, Gonzaga University and Eastern Washington University presented their research at the fifth annual Spokane Intercollegiate Research Conference at Whitworth College this past Friday and Saturday.

The presentations ran a gamut of subjects, including: English, history, communications, marketing, political science and theatre.

In preparation for the conference, students have been given guidance by a faculty member in order to present their projects.

Junior Jacqueline Swartz presented at the conference. Her presentation, entitled "Community Attachment," involved using both quantitative and qualitative research in order to define community attachment in relation to the Chief Garry Park neighborhood in Spokane.

Swartz gathered quantitative information via the U.S. census on population and housing. Qualitative information was obtained by non-participant observation and data from two interviews.

Her faculty sponsor, assistant professor of sociology Jennifer Holsinger, was instrumental in helping her with her research.

"Dr. Holsinger gave us ideas on specific things to look for in the community when trying to assess community attachment," Swartz said.

Another student who presented at the conference was senior Daniel Griffin, who presented a paper entitled, "Constrained Allies: Ngo Dinh Diem and Nouri al-Maliki."

"I chose the subject I presented on because it provided an opportunity for me to synthesize what I learn in class with what is going on in the world today," Griffin said.

The paper examined the different leadership Diem provided during his tenure as President of South Vietnam and the leadership that al-Maliki is providing in Iraq.

"Unlike your average paper you might turn in, the prospect of presenting in front of other people forces you to own your work and become more intellectually diligent," Griffin said. "I struggled with trying to produce a paper that was not just acceptable to turn in, but one that I could stand behind."

"The prospect of presenting in front of other people forces you to own your work and become more intellectually diligent."

Daniel Griffin,
senior

Discourse between students not perfect

Improvements could be made, students said

De Andra Kenoly
Staff writer

Students say communication between students of color and white students is good overall but could use improvement.

Freshman Caleb Skytte said he has not seen any problems with communication between students. "From what I've seen, I haven't seen problems with that. That's my view on things," Skytte said.

Sophomore Tyler Blake said although the community is strong,

there's room for improvement.

"Here, I feel that there is no communication barrier between ethnicities," Blake said. "I haven't found the cause of why there's such a separation though, which is why I can't figure out a solution."

Sophomore and Duvall Cultural Diversity Advocate Linh Aven said it is normal for students to make friends with people who are similar to them.

"I have noticed that there are people that tend to be kind of cliquish and just hang out with people that are similar to them, which is understandable," Aven said. "A lot of it is where you're placed in your dorm. A lot of people do just hang

out with people who are similar to them on a variety of levels."

Some students like Aven believe that stepping out of their comfort zone to meet others is good.

"It's always good to hear other people's perspectives because they have grown up differently than you and do see things differently than you," Aven said.

Senior Carolina Manjarrez agrees.

"I think it's a really good thing to get out of your comfort zone and seek new experiences with people," Manjarrez said. "I think that's what learning is about, and this is a learning institution. It's a safe place to do it."

Sophomore and Warren CDA Karolynn Tom wanted to create a program to bring students of color together.

"I, as a CDA, was planning on putting together a program to bring other minorities together [this year], but I didn't hear [from] a lot of people who wanted to do that," Tom said.

Tom said she wanted not just students of color to be a part of it, but all students who feel out of place.

"I was imagining people who don't feel like they belong. Whether that be gays, lesbians, Chinese, black — just people who don't feel like they belong, and there's no club for that," Tom said.

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Admins restrict condom distribution

Jessica Davis
News Editor

The club Women in Society Everywhere (W.I.S.E.) was encouraged by administrators to stop handing out condoms to the student body Tuesday, students said.

After a letter to President Bill Robinson, W.I.S.E. was given permission to continue handing out condoms discreetly, junior Kristen Black said.

"I'd heard about general distribution of condoms in the HUB and I knew that had created offense and misunderstanding," vice president for student life Kathy Storm said in an e-mail.

Storm said she genuinely appreciated the goals of promoting awareness of gender issues and offering information about sex, health and gender. After hearing complaints Storm said she wanted to pass along feedback to help W.I.S.E. better accomplish its goals.

"A lot of the concerns I heard during the week focused on what I guess you'd call the marketing," Storm said. "For anyone, especially for someone who's visiting campus and may not have any context for this, having someone call out, 'You could be raped in jeans' or 'We know you're having sex' can be jarring and also very offensive."

Robinson and Storm sent director of student activities Dayna



Junior Kristen Black hands out sexual health grab bags at the Sex On the Sidewalk booth during women's week last Wednesday.

Coleman Jones to speak to the students.

W.I.S.E. sponsored Sex On the Sidewalk everyday last week from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Hixon Union Building as part of Women's Week. (See SCENE for more coverage on Women's Week)

"We were in the HUB handing out condoms and information on domestic violence, date rape, rape sexual assault and all kinds of birth control," junior Ali Hudak said. She organized Sex On the Sidewalk.

Junior Kristen Black said Coleman Jones, "began to pick up the condoms we put out on display and said something to the effect that we were not to hand out condoms

to the students, as [Robinson] was very upset that it was sending the wrong message."

Storm said she understands the objectives of the group, and echoed Robinson's concern about sending the wrong message.

"If condoms are given in the Health Center, thoughtful, private conversations can happen about life and health, and that seems more consistent with our commitments to responsible decision-making and community values," Storm said.

Coleman Jones said students could place the condoms in bags and hand them out, Hudak said.

"We were frustrated, but we just put them away and handed them

out in bags," Hudak said.

The next day, Robinson came by the booth and discussed Women's Week and Sex On the Sidewalk.

"I asked him if we were OK with the table, and he said we were doing well, 'keep it up'," Black said.

W.I.S.E. distributed condoms and information in paper bags.

Black said sexual health cannot be ignored.

"We (W.I.S.E.) want it to be known that yes, people on campus do have sex, and we believe in advocating safe sex if they are making this decision," Black said. "Sex is a very personal choice, but something rarely addressed on campus."

Hudak said administrator's actions sent the wrong message.

"I think it says the school cares more about its image than about health," Hudak said. "They know people are having sex just like every other place."

Black said the Whitworth health center gives out free condoms to students who need them.

"The intention and the mission of the Health Center are to keep all students safe and well," Director of the Health Center Jan Murray said. "We do this on an individual basis that is nondiscriminatory."

W.I.S.E. member Emily Huri- anek said the group declined to comment on this issue and would not go on record, but would be willing to talk about other events.

College seeks to diversify, balance faculty

Rosa Gibbons
Staff writer

Whitworth is currently in the process of trying to balance and diversify its faculty, but these changes can take a long time to become visible, director of institutional research Gary Whisenand said.

Only six of Whitworth's tenured full professors are female, compared with 31 male full professors who are tenured. However, 17 of Whitworth's tenured associate professors are female, while only 13 tenured associate professors are male.

In addition, 120 of Whitworth's 132 faculty members are white.

Fifty-two faculty members are 55-years-old or over. Many of these faculty will be eligible for retirement in the next ten years.

Nationwide, many colleges have large numbers of baby boomer faculty who are approaching retirement.

"This is a good time for young people who are seeking a career in higher education," Whisenand said.

Whisenand said Whitworth plans to replace these faculty members as they retire. In addition, the college will try to increase faculty numbers by 2 percent each year, in accordance

Faculty ethnicity demographics

All regular faculty members are included: tenured and tenure-track faculty, track II appointments, visiting faculty, librarians and other ranked faculty.

African American	0
Asian	5
Hispanic	1
Native American	1
White	120
Non U.S.	5
TOTAL	132

Information courtesy of Gary Whisenand

with Whitworth's aim for 2 percent growth in student numbers each year.

Director of human resources Dolores Humiston pointed out that, in relation to gender balance, the faculty who have been hired more recently have nearly equal numbers of men and women. Of those who do not have tenure, 32 are women and 33 are men.

Tenure is defined in the faculty handbook

as "permanent or continuous appointment to the institution which can be terminated only for adequate cause or for bona fide reasons of financial exigency or curricular change." It is intended to ensure academic freedom.

Tenure is granted only to those with the status of associate professor or higher. Faculty who may qualify for tenure are put on a "tenure track" and must complete six years of evaluations. Exceptions can be made for professors who are hired with previous experience.

Humiston said because it takes so long for a person to move up through the ranks from an instructor or assistant professor to a full professor, it takes many years to see demographic changes in tenured professors.

Humiston said historically, fewer women and minorities have earned doctorates, and so when Whitworth does a national search for potential professors, there are fewer women and minorities to choose from.

"We must keep working at it, but it's not a problem unique to Whitworth," Humiston said.

Whisenand agreed that Whitworth would like to diversify its faculty.

"Is it where it needs to be? No," Whisenand said. "But we're trying to make progress to balance it out."

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What do you
think about
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College?

"I don't really know
anything about
Whitworth."



David Cooper

"My grandpa went
there, and he said it
was nice. I think it's
nice, and fancy."



McKenzie Warren



Kelly Hendrickson

"I played soc-
cer there, and
I thought their
fields were nice."



Cameron Stam

"It's a good school. I
know a lot of people
who go there, and
they all like it."

Compiled by Candace Pontoni and Caroline Davis

ASWC passes resolution

Tim Takechl
Staff writer

ASWC decided last Wednesday to send a resolution and addendum to the president's cabinet containing recommendations to change the approach of the Core program, freshmen seminar, the American diversity requirement and freedom of clubs.

The first document will be an official ASWC resolution asking the administration to make these proposed changes, attached is an addendum which acts as an exhaustive list of specific recommendations.

Some of the recommendations included expanding Core 150 to include worldviews of more non-Christian religions, adding several classes to the American diversity requirement and including discussions of racial diversity in the freshmen seminar curriculum.

The assembly approved the resolution by a 16-1-1 decision. The resolution's final form

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was drafted by an ASWC subcommittee who met the Sunday before to make the changes recommended by the assembly at the prior meeting.

During the meeting, executive vice president Andrea Naccarato said she discussed the nature of the letter with associate dean of students Dick Mandeville and director of student activities Dayna Coleman Jones, both of whom suggested separating the letter into two parts.

Before voting, Naccarato said the subcommittee made sure the resolution would be able to speak for all members of the council.

"In my opinion, I feel like [the resolution] is something everyone in ASWC can sign their name to," Naccarato said.

Off-campus senator Adam Jones, who voted against the resolution, said he supported what the resolution had to say but said he had problems with the attached addendum.

"I felt the addendum was not congruent with the resolution," Jones said. "I do think that there needs to be more cultural diversity classes however we should not go about teaching about that by changing Core."

Off-campus representative Lance Beck abstained because he said the people he represented did not agree to some of the recommendations made in the resolution.

"After talking with my constituents, it was apparent some of the recommendations placed in the resolution did not fit in their definition of campus diversity," Beck said.

According to Article X section 3 of the ASWC Constitution, "If the resolution is approved by a majority vote of the Assembly, the resolution shall become the official policy, statement, or custom of the ASWC."

World BRIEFS

Russia's Boris Yeltsin dies of heart failure

Boris Yeltsin, the first freely elected leader of Russia, died last week of heart failure at the age of 76. Yeltsin was born in 1931 to a peasant family in the Ural mountains. He joined the Communist party in 1969 and rose to power as a full-time party boss in construction in 1969.

Rivalry between him and Mikhail Gorbachev led to Yeltsin's firing in 1987.

Two years later, however, Yeltsin won a Soviet parliament seat in the first real election in 70 years. Russia was still under Soviet control, when Yeltsin won the presidency in 1991.

U.S. students detained for Tibetan protest

Saturday, five Americans were detained on Mount Everest for protesting Tibetan independence from China.

Protestors claimed mistreatment and said they were deprived of sleep, food and water while held by Chinese security guards. The five individuals are members of Students for a Free Tibet. The group planned and organized the protest.

Noah's Ark replica open to public viewing

A replica of Noah's biblical ark is now open to the public in the Netherlands.

The ark, was built by Dutch contractor Johan Huibers and holds life-size model animals. The ark has a 50-seat theater to play Disney's "Fantasia" to explain the flood associated with Noah's Ark.

Huibers's replica stands three stories high and is equal to the length of two-thirds of a football field in length. The Bible reports Noah's ark was five times larger than Huibers's ark.

Huibers hopes the Ark will renew interest in Christianity in the Netherlands where church attendance has fallen in the last 50 years.

Hundreds of people protest civilian deaths

Hundreds of people chanting "Death to Bush" protested in eastern Afghanistan after civilians were killed in raid. Police investigator Abdul Mohammad reported five civilians died. The protest is expected to continue Afghan warring support of international forces and the U.S. backed government.

Compiled by Leah Motz and Amanda Beason

Alumni, students find calling in Africa

Tim Takechl
Staff writer

Throughout his time at Whitworth, alumnus Phil Culbertson, '06, wanted to serve the people of Christ in a way that went beyond donating pocket change.

Starting this summer, Culbertson and three of his friends will get that chance.

Culbertson, along with Brad Hixson, '06, and seniors Mike Novasky and Colin Storn will travel to Uganda and Zimbabwe to work in rural and urban communities. Calling their mission 4Guys4Africa, the four graduates plan to work with an orphanage and help the local people become economically self-sustainable.

The group will leave the United States on July 16 and will stay for about a year. Culbertson said they purchased one-way plane tickets and have a pretty open-ended schedule for when they intend to return.

The group chose to go after going on the Jan Term 2006 South Africa study program. After witnessing the conditions South Africans lived under, Hixson said firsthand experience opened his eyes.

"None of us had seen that wide scale poverty before," Hixson said.

Culbertson used his connec-



Photo courtesy of Phil Culbertson

Alumnus Phil Culbertson stands with friends in Rwanda's hills last October.

tions through friends to become involved with two non-profit organizations who specialize in helping fight poverty in parts of Africa, Come Let's Dance and the Elias Fund. Culbertson said he was offered many opportunities to give charitable donations to fighting poverty around the world, but he wanted to give something more.

"Sometimes you wonder, what can I do other than just give 20 bucks?" Culbertson said. "So, we decided to really invest in Africa."

Come Let's Dance and the Elias Fund work to fight poverty at its roots by building strong economi-

cally-sustainable communities that are able to survive on their own with little aid.

The group will specifically spend a significant amount of time in Kampala, Uganda.

The orphanage where they will be working houses about 87 children.

Culbertson, who visited Uganda last fall, said he looks forward to helping the children build a brighter future away from what their parents experienced.

"All of our kids were street kids whose parents died of AIDS," Culbertson said.

In the communities, the group will help teach locals skills in microbusiness and microenterprising.

By teaching the people in Kampala how to operate and run their own businesses, the group hopes they can help break the continuous problem of economic dependency in places where throwing in financial aid will not solve the problem in the long term.

"It's a perpetual cycle of poverty. It's hard to get out of it," Culbertson said. "There's more about just giving them money. It's about setting them on the right path for life."

In addition to teaching, the guys plan to build a roof for a local church in Kampala and help provide proper nutrition and clothing needs for the schoolchildren.

Financial support from back home in the United States will go toward fulfilling these needs.

As far as lodging and other living expenses goes, the group will be living a life of poverty amongst the people in Kampala.

Instead of complaining about living a life of poverty, Hixson said he looks forward to living an almost-monastic lifestyle.

"When we work there we're not working for ourselves. We're working for other people," Hixson said.

Freshmen applications reach record numbers

Hannah Whitsel
Staff writer

A record number of freshmen applicants applied to Whitworth for the fall of 2007. An 87 percent increase in the number of applicants was mostly due to the results of a new 'senior search' program.

"We don't usually contact seniors," Fred Pfursich, dean of enrollment services said. "This search targets high school students that have not already expressed an interest in Whitworth, and who are not in our prospect pool."

In the Enrollment Services Report in the Board of Trustees book, Pfursich wrote these new prospects added an additional 2,372 to freshmen applications, bringing the total number of applications to 5,043.

Admissions has a target

to fill 485 freshmen spots, which is 15 more than this year.

"After pre-registration in late May or early June, the admissions office accesses the need for classes and faculty," Pfursich said. "We are already working on housing."

Whitworth has set a growth goal of 2 percent, as well as a goal to achieve a ratio of 55 percent female students to 45 percent male and 15 percent minority students, according to the Strategic Plan.

"We are trying to change the change the ratios through targeting recruitment," Pfursich said. "We try to give prospective students an understanding of programs that interest them specifically. We can't change the nature of who we are, but we're trying to change to meet the needs

NUMBER OF FRESHMEN APPLICANTS

2,671
2006 applicants

5,043
2007 applicants

Information courtesy of Fred Pfursich, dean of enrollment services

of every type of student."

Michael Woodward, a prospective freshman for the fall 2007 said he first heard about Whitworth from the swim team.

"I got stuff in the mail about swimming, telling me about the team, and then an application," Woodward said.

Pfursich said Whitworth is trying to promote enrollment by encouraging more students to come and visit the school so they can experience it for themselves.

"I couldn't make a decision until I visited," Woodward said. "Once I got up there and got a feel for the

place, talked to the faculty, and got to know some of the kids on the swim team, it had a big impact on my decision."

Woodward also applied to Linfield, Willamette, Lewis & Clark College, University of Puget Sound and the University of Washington, but he decided this week to attend Whitworth.

"Whitworth was the best out of all the schools. What I really liked was the friendly, open environment," Woodward said. "Faculty were very friendly and knowledgeable. When I walked around campus,

people smiled at me. I didn't get that at the other schools I visited."

This year Whitworth increased the enrollment deposit from \$200 to \$350.

"We want students and their parents to be reasonably sure of their decision to enroll when they make they deposit. Increasing the amount of money for deposit gives us a better indication of what our actual enrollment will be," Pfursich said.

Students applying for the fall of 2008 will not have to report a standardized test score.

"There are excellent students in high school, who have good G.P.A.'s, but who don't perform well on standardized tests. We don't want them to be discouraged from applying to Whitworth because of their test scores," Pfursich said.

Grads to receive two diplomas

Jessica Davis
News Editor

Whitworth College will make the switch to Whitworth University on time.

Current seniors will receive diplomas from Whitworth College. Once the name change takes place, seniors will receive a complimentary Whitworth University diploma in the mail.

"We thought it would only be right to give those students a complimentary Whitworth University diploma," Greg Orwig, director of communications, said.

Last year's seniors will also receive a complimentary Whitworth University diploma.

"[Last year's seniors] were here when the name change decision was made, but before it became official," Orwig said.

The graduating class of 2008 will not have the option of a Whitworth College diploma.

"[The institution] can only give diplomas from under the name we officially are," Orwig said.

Registrar Beverly Kleeman explained why.

"Once an organization changes its name, that is then the legal name under which the or-

ganization does business," Kleeman said.

Any other class prior to the class of 2006 can purchase a Whitworth University diploma for a \$20 fee, Orwig said. This is the same cost as a replacement diploma.

Orwig said there was no rush to make the change. The goal of the task force was to pick a date that would minimize or avoid high cost.

The task force came up with 25 different tasks that needed to be accomplished before the name change could take place, Orwig said.

Some of those tasks were to update the college logo and stationary (including letterhead, identification cards and business cards). Other tasks were to update the Web site, publications the college puts out and signage on Division Street and I-90.

The total budget for the name change is \$42,500, Orwig said. Not all the costs of the name change are certain yet, but Orwig said things are coming in at roughly what the college expected.

There were some costs that came in lower

than estimated and some that were higher.

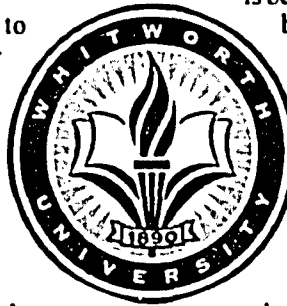
Originally the task force budgeted \$8,000 to change the lettering on the brick sign at the entrance. The real cost is closer to \$15,000. This is because the entire sign has to be redone because the new lettering would not match the old lettering, Orwig said.

"I think we're probably going to be a little over when we get it all done," Orwig said. "I'm still confident our name change costs are going to be significantly under other schools that did a name change."

The reason Whitworth is making the name change on a relatively low budget is because the college was able to use up publications with the old name resulting in lower waste. Also most schools completely redo the visual identity of the school and the logo, Orwig said.

The new logo is not significantly different than the current logo.

"This (name change) does not dramatically change the mission, identity or structure," Orwig said. "We are just clarifying who we are instead of changing who we are."



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The Westminster Courtyard will be destroyed because of construction on the visual arts building.

Board of Trustees chair to retire after longest term in history

Candace Pontoni
Staff writer

Chuck Boppell will be retiring from his position of chair of the Board of Trustees next year after serving for 17 years. Boppell will retire after the longest consecutive period a Trustee chair has ever served.

His position will be filled by Walt Oliver, who has been a member of the Board for eight years.

Boppell's recent request for Oliver to be chair-elect was granted by the committee on trustees. The decision was finalized at the last board meeting.

Boppell and Oliver attended Whitworth at the same time and became friends through their involvement in athletics.

"When I came onto the Board, it was a good time to become reacquainted with Chuck," Oliver said.

Boppell recalls his introduction to Whitworth taking place when

he was a child.

"When I was a little kid, a relative of mine received an honorary degree from Whitworth," Boppell said.

Boppell has since attended, graduated from and served Whitworth.

Boppell graduated from Whitworth in 1965 and was asked in 1983 to serve on the Board of Trustees. Shortly after, he was asked to become chair.

"The basic job of the board is to hire the right CEO," Boppell said. "Our goal is to protect the school's mission and focus on the strategic plan that protects the mission and financial base."

Boppell primarily safeguards the college's mission statement through oversight of the board's actions.

"From the board chair position, it's been my job to influence rather than make changes," Boppell said.

A year ago, Boppell retired



Thomas Robinson Whitworthian

Trustee Chuck Boppell will be retiring from the board next year after serving for 17 years.

from his career in business.

"The world is so little," he said. "While in Japan, I saw that in one restaurant they used Salinas Valley Lettuce, which is the same brand of lettuce we use in

Spokane. Everything we do in our local environment has the possibility of affecting the national environment."

Boppell's primary hope for Whitworth students is that they

realize how significantly they can contribute to the world at large.

"Whitworth students can participate in a much larger environment," he said.

The beliefs and convictions that students gain while at Whitworth, he said, should influence their future actions in the worldwide community.

After he retires from his position of board chair, Boppell plans to remain a member of the board and stay involved with Whitworth.

Oliver said he respects the example of leadership given by Boppell and looks forward to serving as chair.

"I'm excited to meet any challenges that may arise," Oliver said. "[Boppell] has set a great model relative to supporting the organization, protecting the mission statement, hiring and supporting the president, and leading the board. I'd like to continue that."

DISCOURSE: Some students feel left out

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Some students welcome the idea.

"I think it would be really cool to have. It'd be nice to have a way to get to know people better than just seeing each other in class every once in a while," Skytte said.

Blake said he thinks the program would be good if it is not exclusive to students of color.

"I think it would be really fun, but at the same time I [don't want it to be just for] a specific group of minorities," Blake said. "I'd want to blend in with the whites as well. I think it's just a fun group [with] a mix of everything."

Some students think creating a program like Tom's idea would not be good for the campus.

"To have a program that singles out people who don't feel like they fit in will make things worse," Aven said. "If students feel like they don't fit in, a formal program like that won't help the situation."

Aven said students who are feeling left out should be consulted on an individual basis.

"They could be feeling that for a number of different reasons and would have

to be taken on case by case," Aven said.

Aven advises students to use the programs already available on campus.

"We have a lot of different clubs on campus with different goals in mind," Aven said. "As a CDA, for issues of race and stuff, that's why we're in the dorms, to be with the students who have trouble adjusting to Whitworth culture. If students need more help beyond that, we can provide other resources for them."

Some students say that Whitworth overall has made successful strides to improve its campus climate.

Manjarrez said she welcomes the changes.

"I believe that Whitworth has come a long way, and it's exciting to see the change," Manjarrez said. "It's been great to find adults that are supportive and professors that are willing to listen and help and try to understand."

Tom said although Whitworth has improved, there are more things to be done. "Even with all of the events of this year, realizing that Whitworth has a long way to go, it is also making steps to move there," Tom said. "[If] we can achieve a place where people can, for the most part, respect each other, then I think we would have achieved something great."

"I think Whitworth has come a long way, and it's exciting to see that change."

Carolina Manjarrez,
senior

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Whitworth developed into arboretum

James Spung
Staff writer

From the tops of its ponderosa pine trees to the grass in the Loop, the Whitworth campus prides itself on being green. Now, with the addition of a few decorative plaques, some botanical variety and a creative vision, Whitworth has become more than a college campus.

Under the guidance of arborist Will Mellott, Whitworth has developed into an arboretum.

"Will labels trees we already have, and has consciously had new species added that we haven't seen before," said English professor Leonard Oakland, who has taught at Whitworth for 41 years. "There have been conscious attempts to add variety over the years, but nothing has been so conscious until Will."

Mellott chose or planted 40 trees scattered around campus as part of the first phase, including various types of dogwoods, ginkgos and a giant sequoia.

A small red plaque at each tree's base, which includes the tree's genus, species, cultivar and plant date, designates that tree as part of the arboretum.

The modern arboretum's development began when Whitworth hired Mellott in December 2004.

"[Grounds services supervisor] Janet Wright always had the idea. I was lucky enough to be a part of getting it going," Mellott said. "I love the pine trees. I think they're great, but you need to have a variety of trees on campus."

Eventually, Mellott and Wright hope to expand the arboretum to include between 80 and 120 trees, beginning with 40 more trees this summer.

The evolving nature of an arboretum, however, makes it difficult to determine exactly how each phase will look or how to implement these phases, Mellott said.

"When you're dealing with a plant garden, it's an ever-changing thing," Mellott

WHITWORTH'S ARBORETUM



arboretum n. A place where an extensive variety of woody plants are cultivated for scientific, educational and ornamental purposes, according to the American Heritage Dictionary.

Currently, the Whitworth arboretum contains 25 deciduous tree species, 13 evergreen species and two deciduous evergreen species.

A deciduous tree is one that loses its leaves at some point during the year. An evergreen is one that keeps its leaves, or needles, year-round.

said. "You're never really done with it. You've never really arrived."

Mellott has also contacted organizations like the Spokane County Conservation District about attracting increased publicity to the arboretum, including possibly listing it on some type of state registry.

"I just would like to see the Whitworth Arboretum recognized," he said. "Obviously, Whitworth's not an arboretum — it's a college. But we do have an arboretum in a college setting."

Wright agreed, saying the arboretum's educational focus is its most important aspect.

"The most important part is the teaching aspect," Wright said. "If people can come learn about the trees in an environment where there already is a lot of learning, that's a good thing."

Still, the college should not forget the promotional value the arboretum can hold for the college, Oakland said. Oakland chairs the Task Force on Trees, a faculty and staff committee concerned with the preservation of trees on campus.

"After a while, we're going to be attracting people to visit campus for its natural beauty. It's a way to raise awareness to the value of the trees on campus," Oakland said, adding that a formal arboretum ensures that the college appreciates its trees.

Many trees on campus are especially treasured by the college, including the

Whitworth Tree, a ponderosa pine near Duvall Hall with a bent trunk that served as a romantic bench — and popular proposal spot — for couples several decades ago.

"I can't think of any [trees] on campus with the clout of that one," Mellott said.

Before construction began on Duvall, alumni relations director Tad Wisenor made certain the Facilities Planning Committee protected the Whitworth Tree from damage, saying its history and significance make it a special asset to campus.

"As alumni relations director, I represent more than 20,000 Whitworth alumni, and quite a few of those alumni were here during the '40s and '50s when the Whitworth Tree was popular," Wisenor said. "I'm interested in keeping that tree alive because it's a powerful campus icon for alumni from that era."

The giant sequoia on the east side of McEachran Hall is another one of the more unique trees on campus.

"It's a tree that you don't see much up here in the Spokane area," Mellott said. "I just think it's a cool tree."

Giant sequoias can grow to be 250 to 300 feet tall under the right conditions, Wright said, adding, Whitworth's sequoia stands at around 20 feet tall, but has grown from

approximately two feet in height since its planting in 1994.

Still, the most prevalent trees at Whitworth are the ponderosa pines. More than 1,000 veteran pine trees dot the main campus, Mellott said.

"It's a very resilient tree. In fact, it's one of the stronger trees that I know of," he said.

Mellott said he devotes special attention and care to the trees and shrubs on campus because, as an arborist at a college, he needs to take care of the trees that belong directly to the college community.

"The trees belong to the college, and really to the students, faculty and staff, so I need to know exactly what I'm doing and why I'm doing it," he said. "I want to give my very best."

Mellott is in the ongoing process of updating the current tree catalogue, a comprehensive list of every tree on campus, and converting it into computer format.

"If the information is not down and the people who planted them are gone, that information is lost. That's part of the reason why we're doing this," he said.

In order to make the arboretum a lasting part of campus, Whitworth will eventually need to create a long-term design plan that includes the designated trees, Oakland said.

"It seems like in a couple of years we're going to need a bigger and better landscape plan that includes the arboretum as a part of that plan," Oakland said.

Mellott emphasized the importance of the arboretum. He said it represents a special opportunity for learning in a setting in which education is already the norm.

"I'm glad we're getting exposure," Mellott said. "When you look at trees, it's good to know what you're looking at. Whitworth's about education, right? So you can be educated about trees and plants, too."

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Whitworth College 1890 - 2007

An obituary

Whitworth College, whose classrooms opened its doors to students for 117 years, died last fall when the trustees voted to rename the college "university."

The college was recently battling racial tension and fund-raising problems and considered going into debt to hoist new buildings. She succumbed to an image problem as foreign students could not distinguish between their high schools and American colleges.

The ever-present Leonard Oakland (he has taught here for 41 years), pinecones falling in the loop, Presbyterian heritage and small class sizes were trademarks of the college which made the map in 2007 when Michael Allan was drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs.

Mind and heart, the big three, the totem pole and the Mac smiley face were all accurate representations of the grace and truth-filled life of the college.

Born 1890 in Tacoma, Wash. under the financial guidance of George Whitworth, the college survived even when, in 1914 it transplanted to Spokane, housing itself in the Ballard and McMillan Halls.

Frank Warren, the president from 1940 until 1963, was a figurehead who brought stability to the growing college.

In the 1960s and early 1970s, student activism was the M.O. of the day. Vietnam and civil rights groups sprung up and Whitworth became a place for academics and free thinking.

Yesterday, the college's organs began to fail. While time of death is July 1, 2007, the blood of the campus stopped flowing in Beyond Hall, the Village, the Loop, Stan's coffee shop and the Alma Mater song even before the death.

The college is survived by a fledgling university, full of promise and expansion. University will surely continue to educate students, following in the footsteps of its righteous and noteworthy ancestor.

Embrace university by dumping 'simple'

An umbrella of simplicity looms over this campus, which could become an obstacle to progress.

In early March, the dining services selection committee announced its recommendation that Sodexo be retained as the provider of campus food service at Whitworth.

The committee seemed very excited to continue its 43-year-old marriage to Sodexo.

However, this agreement will not reap the greatest benefits for students.

Whitworth suffers from an over-simplistic mind set. From the way this institution governs itself, to the way it handles aspects of business operations like dealing with food services, keeping things simple is sacred. That simplistic mind set needs to go.

Sodexo has had the power to control prices and exclude competition for over 40 years because Whitworth has allowed a monopoly.

Opening the school up to multiple food service providers is one way students can benefit.

It is generally accepted that allowing for the pursuit of individual interests produces a collective good for society.

There is no reason why Whitworth could not have multiple food-service providers for the campus. An open market is the most effective protection against monopolistic abuses.

Keeping things simple is not necessarily a bad thing. But breaking down the umbrella is not bad either.

As the institution continues to grow, the school needs to be constantly assessing the way it conducts business.

Whitworth needs to be aligned with what they say they are trying to become. The school must adopt a "Esse Quam Videri" perspective. Whitworth must be, rather than just seem.

Sodexo does not have to go, but others must be allowed in.

"In the Loop," written by the editorial board, represents the editorial voice of *The Whitworthian*.



...of the people, by the people, for the people

Parting senior thoughts? The Whitworthian student newspaper is you, it's me; we determine what it says and what it means. It does not exist independent of our voices. Don't get mad, get involved. Read, write, complain to the editor, join the graphics' staff, take pictures, discuss and did I mention *READ*?

Hmm. Parting senior thoughts. It took me four years to come to love Whitworth College, and I think I finally do. Whitworth offers us the chance to be a part of so many things, so *don't waste your time*. Coming from the world's most prolific procrastinator, that sounds ludicrous, but that's all I've got. I had my chance to make a mark and you have your's too. Find a way to mean something to somebody, preferably a lot of somebodies.

Find your voice, through Jubilation, through frisbee, through small group, through assorted Big Threes. I got to draw for the newspaper for two years and probably had too much fun doing it. But I found a voice and made friends along the way. It's been a pleasure to serve — and to be seen and heard. Try it, you'll find other voices; voices that will help turn Whitworth into what it is supposed to be: a place where you struggle to find yourself and battle with your beliefs — and then end up nostalgically writing sappy farewells two weeks before graduation. Sniff.

Diana Painter - Whitworthian graphics staff

Thoughts of an exiting COLLEGE student



PETER SMELSER
Editor-in-Chief

This is a momentous occasion. My last article and issue for *The Whitworthian*. I am sure this will bring a collective sigh of relief among administrative circles on campus.

So, what might my parting thought be after four years of student journalism, after 63 issues as an editor and 36 issues with the title of editor-in-chief?

Something of substance, of course. Whitworth royally screwed up on Oct. 14, 2005, as the Trustee's voted in favor of calling this institution 'Whitworth University.'

In doing this they lost a piece of history, a rich tradition and a chance to remain as unique as the mission set forth by George Whitworth.

The Trustee's, with support from key administrators, opted instead to maintain the school's "keeping up with the Joneses" mentality. Whitworth's Joneses being the *University of Puget Sound*, *Seattle Pacific University*, *Pacific Lutheran University*, *Gonzaga University* and *Wheaton College*.

The reasoning that schools in our area with the same profile call themselves "universities" was just an excuse. Had Whitworth maintained the 'college' title, they would have solidified its status as unique.

Whitworth lost that opportunity and joins a jumbled mess of universities.

Not everything is bad about becoming a university. The name "University" might help aid some confused international students and they could find their way to Whitworth.

But Dartmouth and Boston Col-

leges have healthy international programs. They have the problem we had, in that some countries the word 'college' means high school, but those institutions are doing *something* to bring in an international crowd.

Whitworth chose an alternative path. With that choice the institution has opened a door to a slippery slope. So many other colleges and universities have traded away core values pursuing progress.

In 2005, Davidson College did just that.

Davidson wants to become the Harvard of the Liberal Arts schools. The school voted to change its by-laws and Statement of Purpose and the Presbyterian principles the school was grounded on have already begun eroding.

I hope Whitworth does not bite that fruit or an Education of Mind and Heart will become just an Education of Mind.

But since we are becoming a "University" in July and there is no way to change that, I would like offer a couple suggestions as Whitworth makes this transition.

To President Robinson: Bill, being a university president is a lot different than being a college president. However, there are three keys areas for your success as Whitworth U's first president.*

First of all make sure Frisbees and Bibles are flowing on campus like the milk and honey of the Promised Land. In fact, if all incoming freshmen are given a Frisbee and a Bible, they will be very happy and all come back as sophomores.

Second, make sure you maintain better than adequate parking for faculty. With parking taken care of the only thing for faculty to fight over will be office space, which is not your problem.

Finally, be sure to maintain a win-

ning football program to keep alumni happy and interested in their school. Do these things and you will succeed.

To Residence Life: All great Universities have some type of Greek housing system. In fact Greek communities typically achieve higher grades than their peers at universities. A Greek system would be exceedingly easy to set up on Whitworth U's campus.

The first step would be to allow Stewart's SOY back on the building, at a minimum that would spruce up the campus.

However, with Stewart's letters, slap some other random Greek letters up on McMillan, BJ, the "Manestery" and "EstroDome," and bam, a Greek system.

Go Greek or go home. To the Faculty: Everyone knows faculty at colleges care about students while faculty at universities generally only care about their research. Next year, please continue caring about students.

However, ease up a little. Faculty should drop all attendance requirements from all courses. Students next year will be going to a university not a day school. This change needs to happen.

So, after 117 years, Whitworth College rest in peace. It has been a good run. You've been pushed away for something newer and better.

Hello Whitworth University, established July 1, 2007. Have fun Triple U (WU), you've got a big shadow to live in.

I'll miss you Whitworth College.

*Adapted from former University of California President Clark Kerr's *Three Rules*.

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True confessions of a Whitworth senior



PETER BURKE
Opinions
Editor

To begin, I am sorry if anything I did caused any irreparable damage. If it did, I apologize from the bottom of my heart. And, if you want to talk about it, or punch me in the stomach, I am up for both.

Here is a list of big (and little) things that seemed to happen during my first two years at Whitworth. I may or may not have been in on a majority (or all) of these things.

►The smelly BJ shirts disappeared after four

or five Mac guys snuck through a hall window early one morning and untacked them from the walls. The shirts ended up in a dumpster at the end of the year and the flag was stuck

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Non-discrimination policy is not a stance on homosexuality



ERIKA PRINS
Writer

The Board of Trustees decided last week that Whitworth will claim religious exemption from Washington's newly-passed anti-discrimination legislation.

According to last week's Whitworthian, "Some board members expressed concern that including sexual orientation in Whitworth's current non-discrimination statement would be interpreted as a theological point of view they could not endorse."

Why, then, does our non-discrimination policy include religion? The federal non-discrimination law prohibiting religious discrimination also allows exemption for non-profit religious institutions, yet Whitworth includes religion in their non-discrimination policy. This could be interpreted as a "theological point of view" condoning the practice of other religions, according to the Trustees' reasoning.

While Whitworth promotes Christianity, it allows and values different religious viewpoints on campus. Likewise, not discriminating based on sexual orientation is not condoning homosexuality; it is simply encouraging an environment where people of any sexual orientation are welcome, valued, and safe.

"The Board affirmed the historic approach Whitworth has taken to these kinds of issues, which in this case meant not to adopt an institutional stance on homosexuality nor to include sexual orientation in its non-discrimination statement," president Bill Robinson said.

His statement indicates that he acknowledges the distinction between adopting an institutional stance on homosexuality and protecting students from discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Whitworth has avoided taking a stance

on the issue of homosexuality in the past, because, according to Robinson, "Historically, Whitworth has resisted taking stands on issues over which serious Christian scholars disagree."

Since a non-discrimination policy is different from taking an institutional stance on homosexuality, this argument really does not apply to the issue at stake.

The Board of Trustees fears that people might think Whitworth approves of gays if we change our policy.

Whitworth is affiliated with The Presbyterian Church, USA (PCUSA), who made the distinction between their stance on homosexuality and their stance on discrimination decades ago.

In 1987, the called for "[the passage] of laws forbidding discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing, and public accommodations," according to the PCUSA Web site.

"This issue has been debated in our denomination, and Whitworth has not taken an institutional stance," Robinson said.

Although Robinson previously distinguished between the non-discrimination policy and a doctrinal statement on homosexuality, he still equates the two when defending the Board's decision. The non-discrimination issue is decided by our denomination, as indicated by their 1987 statement.

Robinson's equating of the two issues is apparent in his statement, "If we were to adopt a doctrinal statement that condemned all forms of homosexuality, it would be an affront to those members of our community who believe differently."

The issue at stake is not a doctrinal statement, it is a non-discrimination policy.

Although the PCUSA has designated Whitworth as one of the few "pervasively Presbyterian" colleges in the denomination, this issue must not apply.

According to the Whitworthian, "Robinson is concerned that any decision

could damage what he called the open climate at Whitworth.

"We're trying to preserve an environment where the issue can be debated honestly," Robinson said, according to the Whitworthian.

Whitworth defines discrimination as follows: "Discrimination denigrates or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual because of his or her race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age or disability ... has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment, living environment, or studying environment ... [and] has the purpose or effect of

substantially interfering with an individual's work performance, or educational performance opportunities."

Having a policy in place that protects students from being harassed or denied educational or work opportunities based on sexual orientation will help, not hinder the creation of an "open climate." We do not currently have an environment where the issue can be debated honestly.

Homosexual and transgender students are vulnerable to being denied work or educational opportunities if they are honest.

Why should intimidation, hostility, and interfering with a person's work or educational opportunities be allowed on the basis of sexual orientation?

Whitworth is making a bold statement by taking an exemption to this law — they are resisting the PCUSA and Washington States' requests that they treat people the same, regardless of sexual orientation. Rather than a stance on homosexuality, this is a statement about the college's willingness to provide a safe, positive environment for all its students.

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"The Board of Trustees fears that people might think Whitworth approves of gays if we change our policy."

Reversing Pascal's wager

GALEN SANFORD
Writer



Pascal's Wager traditionally states that if you believe God doesn't exist and you are wrong you will suffer a double punishment: a life of suffering and eternity in hell. Whereas if you believe God exists and it turns out there is no God, you will at least have lived a good life. Of course if you don't believe in God and you're right, you and your life were meaningless and miserable. I contest that a non-Christian life is inferior to the traditional Christian life.

Let's hypothetically reverse Pascal's wager: Is it worth it to bet on salvation if you have to live the traditional Christian life to obtain it? Say you live the traditional churchgoing life only to discover God doesn't exist. You look back on your life to see the sunny mornings you spent in church. You watched a lot of movies, you ate great food, went to Mexico to build three houses and tithed with regularity. You lived in Kirkland where you met computer programmers who could afford lots of organic food, worship leaders, Costco executives and plenty of people with Hummers. Though you liked these people, you did not really know them or see them often, and so they did not challenge you to live daily like Jesus.

Some of you are objecting to my depiction of traditional Christianity. Fair enough — it is quite jaded. But, in the church I grew up in the congregation was homogenous. Consistently a Sunday morning service was pale, limpid, conservative, middle class and charismatic. There was a glaring, obvious lack of color. It never challenged me to live in a way that would benefit humanity. It was always about me.

Now examine the other option: Say you live an atheistic life, void of meaning provided by a deity, until you die tomorrow. Upon dying you discover God doesn't exist. You look back upon your life to discover you were surrounded by people you loved and who loved you. You fed the poor and you converted a few deadbeats into social activists who won justice for the oppressed. On weekends you partied well, drank a lot and got high with regularity. Your sex life was negligible, but you found so much excitement in your sociology classes that sex didn't matter. You lived on Capitol Hill in Seattle where you were challenged by liberal politicians, starving artists, refugees, the rich, the impoverished, intellectuals, activists and scenesters. Your life was a box of crayons.

Supposing God doesn't exist, which life do you want to have lived? Would you rather have spent 70 years patting backs in my church (a homogenous church among a homogenous group of churches) or would you rather have lived in community with all the colorful people?

Just as a white person has white privilege, so a churchgoer has Christian privilege. Churchgoers rest in the security of promised eternal life, forgoing the pleasures and people of this world, betting that God really does exist. A non-believing person doesn't have the security of the heaven and hell dichotomy. Meaning and human relations are far more complex when there is no established answer-book for life's questions.

However, the churchgoers' privilege and security in this world does not come without sacrifice. As a white, straight male, I may be privileged, but I also have no experience of what it's like to live in the shoes of a woman, or of the black students on this campus, or of my gay friends. I have it easy when it comes to fitting into white society, but I feel as if I'm deprived. I am not often challenged, and so I do not often excel. In the same way, a churchgoer may have privilege because they have the chance at salvation (if God exists), but they miss out on all the interesting people — the same colorful people the Bible says Jesus spent his life with — and so they are not challenged to constantly rethink the way they live.

If you identify yourself as a traditional Christian but want to live in a polychromatic world, I suggest you find some of the non-traditional Christians who are objecting to this article. Many of them have decided living with colorful people is prized by the Jesus of the Bible far more than a monochromatic life of independence and exclusion. They think Jesus loves color and they think a life of color is compatible with all the tenets of Christianity.

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College should support sexual health too

Nichole Betts
Staff writer

Last Tuesday, my friend Ali Hudak told me about a program Women In Society Everywhere (WISE) was putting on last week. The program, Sex on the Sidewalk, aimed to promote sexual health — the very goal of this column.

I stopped by their booth last Wednesday to applaud their efforts. Alas, no WISE friends and no booth were in sight. I figured the women were taking a break from their strenuous public information campaign.

It seemed the sidewalk chalk statistics and posters in the HUB were good efforts to educate the student body about health issues many people face every day. So, you can imagine my surprise when I was informed that the women operating the booth in the HUB were told by the Whitworth administration to halt their efforts.

I later learned that two people I'm rather fond of, Bill Robinson and Kathy Storm, expressed concern about WISE's actions. (See complete story on page 2).

WISE was providing information about domestic

violence, date rape, sexual assault and all kinds of birth control to students, while also offering free condoms. Apparently, the administration didn't like the free condoms part.

Now wait a second, you say. Didn't this column report that the health center provides free condoms to students? Why yes, I say, the health center certainly does have condoms sitting in their waiting room. I can hear

the uproar, outrage, etc. from some students. Calm down, the little foil packages aren't hurting you and they may be helping others, so get over it.

I understand the importance of Whitworth, as a Christian institution, taking a stance on the controversial issue of sex outside marriage, but I have an issue with anyone or any organization that does not support safer sex. Sex in the dorms (gasp!) is not the issue here — sexual health is. No matter how ready for sex someone thinks he or she is,

there is always a risk of infection, sexual abuse, emotional abuse or pregnancy. All these risks are significant on college campuses and condoms help prevent two out of four of those risks. I'm all for giving condoms to students who may not use them otherwise (which is a whole other issue).

To his credit, Robinson allowed WISE to continue handing out condoms in paper bags along with the pamphlet information as part of a more discrete sexual health package. (I'm not sure if the administration thought the medical and mental health information contained in the pamphlets was too racy to distribute outside of the bags or not.)

Some proponents of abstinence-only education say that having access to condoms makes young people have



Nichole's CORNER

AN HONEST DISCUSSION ABOUT YOUR SEXUAL HEALTH

sex. Right, because condoms are available in the Health Center, and last week in the HUB, the entire student body has chosen to have sex with the next person they meet. Let's give students some credit. Seeing a condom on campus probably won't spur students into a sexual relationship.

Regardless, Whitworth should officially take a stance on sex: "Waiting until marriage to have sex is what the college endorses, but if you're going to have sex, then safer sex is better than unprotected sex, so we are committed to helping you stay safe."

Okay, that may be a bit long-winded, but you get the point. Some faculty and staff may not agree with this stance. If they don't, then they don't agree with providing students with the most comprehensive education possible. Whitworth should continue its commitment to nurturing students not only in the classroom but in the rest of our lives as well — including our sexual health.

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Opinions

OCTOBER

"A horde of unkempt roving Theatre Majors perform the Gilbert and Sullivan classic 'Pirates of Penzance.' How was it? Welllllll
It was the very model of an act'ally entertaining show
With characters as quirky as a movie by Judd Apatow
Like pirates that were salty, but as saccharine as Sweet and Low...
Though it's too bad the orchestra was just only a pi-ano."

This was just one of the many whacky things that happened during...

A year of laughs ...and terror?!

Daniel Walters
Staff Writer

Gee, is it the Almost the End of the Year already!? I guess it's true what they say: Time flies when you're in Core 350 watching the second hand achingly drag across the listless clock face!

As you know, as Class Humor Columnist, it is my job to present the 2007-2008 Slideshow, celebrating all those crazy times we had together. I've used the most powerful slideshow technology conceivable: the PowerPoint of your imagination.

Close your eyes and imagine: Hundreds of photos of smiling, hugging female friends who now hate each other. Everyone cheering and whistling at the slide of the popular guy dressed in drag, while ignoring the obvious foreshadowing. That one slide transition that swivels for, like, ten minutes.

"Time of Your Lives," by Green Day.

Now open your eyes, because you've got a Core 350 packet-load of reading to do. Like most novice PowerPoint slideshows, this baby's just one giant block of text:

SEPTEMBER

Whitworth holds its first medically-themed Tradition week: Neurodegeneration and Cardiomyopathy of the Mind and Heart. At the last minute, however, it's changed to "Generic Western Theme of the Mind and Heart." The week's highfalutin' rootin' and tootin' gets off to a riproaring start, as Frosh are introduced to Whitworth's finest traditions: throwing French fries at SAGA, tying Whitworth security's shoelaces together, and the Warren Guys always winning Mock Rock. Sadly, Tradition ends in tragedy when one young lady is wooed so romantically that she becomes paralyzed for the rest of her life.

Whitworth's newest dorm is named Duvall hall, because "Stewart II: Die Harder" just doesn't have the same catchy rhyme scheme. The dorm turns out to be far frailer than the strapping 94-year-old man it's named after. The towel racks fall off when you rack towels on them, the toilets plug up if you pee in them without drinking enough water and, due to a metric conversion error, the showers are set on "Siberian Death Camp" instead of "Fahrenheit." Students began suspecting the construction team had cut corners when a guy punches his hand through the paper thin drywall, and discovers the terrible truth:

With the Hole Policy strictly prohibiting nails or screws, the entire building had been constructed completely out of blue tape.

OCTOBER

Whitworth Girls start to get like, totally, freaked out when they receive phone calls in the middle of the night. A night just like this one. "Seven days ..." the raspy voice on the other end growled. The girls hung up before he could finish "... are in one week! To find out more cool trivia facts, visit your local library. Learning is fun!"

Student Life quickly locks the doors, leaving any poor student trapped outside to fend against the raptors and zombies themselves. After the obligatory series of Wacky Spokane Police Force Hijinks, they catch Creepy Stalker Man before he can dial again. Still, Student Life leaves the doors locked because, "They totally

left room open for a sequel."

Sadly, it is revealed that due to a lack of funds the new art building will lack the capacity to combine with the Big Ugly to create a MegaRoboUgly able to battle Mothra and save the city.

Rumors start to circulate that Mac Hall is haunted by ghosts! Ghosts very fond of black tarps! In the end, however, an intrepid group of mystery solvers reveal that the "ghost" was simply ol' man McMillan, trying to drive down real estate value to lessen his property tax. And he would have gotten away with it, too, if it hadn't been for those meddling Whitworth Security officers!

NOVEMBER

Gonzaga awakens one dewy Nov. 1 morning to find their campus littered with 350 copies of 95 theses detailing the exact nature of Whitworth's inherent superiority. That's over 33,250 total theses!

The theses are brutal, mocking everything from Gonzaga's ugly mother to its stupid FAFSA number. Many Gonzaga basketball players, depressed over the theses' revelations, start taking drugs.

Essentially, the whole debacle is like "David and Goliath," if David kicked Goliath in the shins, called him a "doo-dy-head" and run away tittering like a schoolgirl, and Goliath sank to the ground in tears, saying he "only retaliates against respectful people," and then David gets called into Dick Mandeville's office when his best friend Jonathan rats him out.

So, basically the same story.

They never did find who wrote the 95 theses, though rumor has it that whoever he or she was, he or she's devilishly handsome.

Whitworth Football Superhero Michael Allan almost suffers a career-ending back injury trying to lift all his news coverage. Most of which ask, "What's a nice football player like you doing in a place like this?" "Rolling Stone" calls Allan "an eclectic clash of sound and fury, signifying everything," while "People" calls him the "next Brian Boitano, but for, like, football instead of ice skating."

DECEMBER

Like Calvin and Hobbes a week before Christmas, Sodexo decides it must be extra good or Santa won't bring it that Food Service Contract renewal they wanted. It sets about wooing Whitworth with swanky dishes of caviar, turducken, marshmallow peeps and sweet juicy unicorn leg. They also erect massive signs glorifying spices. "BASIL!" "POSH!" "ME-LANGE!" "ARBY'S SAUCE!"

"You know I love you, baby," Sodexo croons. "I never meant to hurt you. I just get so mad sometimes."

"Oh, Sodexo," Whitworth relents, as Sodexo sweeps it into its arms. "I can't stop loving you. But the excess mushrooms have got to stop."

According to Pounder's Jewelry, you

can't buy love, but you *can* reimburse it. They announce compensation for a ring bought from Pounder's for the person with the most romantic wedding proposal.

The winner proposed by changing his Facebook status from "In a Relationship" to "Engaged" and then took her out to Costco for \$1.50 hotdogs.

Second place involved an elaborate proposal using a flock of doves, a magic carpet ride to Venice and a giant talking Cupid statue made entirely out of rose petals. Still, *nothing* beats Costco hotdogs.

Not to be outdone by Pounder's, the Bendini, Lambert & Locke law firm offers to waive the legal fees of the person who could come up with the most creative way to get his wife to divorce him.

Critics deride the once prestigious *Sesame Street Magazine* when it picks "U" as its Letter of the Year.

JANUARY

My Jan Term trip downstairs to the Duvall lounge is incredible. It really opens my eyes to the world around me. Maybe someday I'll come back on my honeymoon.

Duvall gets its very first foosball table. Unfortunately, it's the same size as the ad on the back of the comic book, and is made primarily out of old cereal boxes. I pity the foos. Fortunately, the table is put out of its misery when a falling chunk of sheet-rock crushes it like a Dixie cup.

An off-campus party at the Motherland house shatters national records by ending with approximately 85 percent of the house's surface area covered in vomit, proving, once and for all, we can beat Gonzaga at their own game.

FEBRUARY

The Whitworthian Opinion page makes a triumphant return, showcasing their unique moral philosophy: It's okay to have sex, as long as you don't get married.

A letter arrives cheerfully announcing that tuition was once again increasing at double the rate of inflation, because, hey, you just don't mess with tradition. After all, Diamond AstroTurf Intramural Fields don't pay for themselves! (Though they really skin up your knees.) Fun fact: For the price of the Intramural field, Whitworth could get every Whitworth student a Wii and a copy of Wii Sports, so the students can get some *real* exercise.

Whitworth removes the SAT requirement for admission after studies show that the SAT is prejudiced against rich dumb kids.

The ASWC, persistent fellows that they are, continue their tradition of making their only real action of the year be to try to reorganize the ASWC. The student body yawns and casually swats the proposal down. The ASWC does, however, change their name to the Associated Students of Whitworth University- The All New Government — the ASWU-TANG Clan for short.

Whitworth hires the Spokane District 81 superintendent for chief financial manager, on the grounds that only someone experiencing a \$10.5 million budget shortfall can empathize with the crushing debt of the average Whitworth student.

MARCH

The Whitworthian decides that it would be a good idea to solve that pesky racial strife that's plagued mankind for the past couple hundred years or so, by writing a series of articles *highlighting* racial strife. What could possibly go wrong? It's foolproof!

Somehow, the article fails to issue in the Age of Aquarius with hugging and flowers and gaily dancing around the campfire singing Kumbaya. Instead, much dialogue and conversation ensues. And by "dialogue" I mean "yelling," and by "conversation," I mean "death glares."

Due to the controversy, The Whitworthian never releases other planned articles in the series including "The Appalling Blackboard to Whiteboard ratio," and "A Don

Imus Exclusive interview with Michael Richards."

To be fair, the original article did have some genuinely offensive sections, like when that student was accused of wanting the Jay-Z CD. Nobody, no matter their race, should be accused of liking Jay-Z's music. Maybe someday, all races can set aside their prejudices and unite in their hatred of Jay-Z's music.

The RA hiring process is even more complicated than last year, which just involved lunging for the golden ring on the RA carousel. This year it's an elaborate multistage competition involving chin-ups, Greek hermeneutics, seeing how many times they can fit the word "community" into a single sentence, the Trial of the Dragon and, of course, the final Arena Battle to the death. In the end, however, the final decision is made by a council of student life elders named Eenie, Meenie, Minie and Moe.

A group of young Whitworth students single-handedly end the war in Iraq. "Their catchy slogans and picket signs drawn with Sharpie melted my cold Texan heart," President Bush said.

Without the American imperial presence, naturally, the region flourishes into a utopia of peace and democracy.

Whitworth Play "The Cherry Orchard" tells the tragicomic story of Sergey Adeyevich Popov (nickname: Mishka) and his wife Natayla Anya Putina (nickname: Klara), and their babushka, Katerninka Olga Gorbacheva (nickname: Drago.) Together, they struggle under czarist perestroika, drink vodka, suffer the long winter and poison political dissidents.

Why, yes, it is a Russian play. How did you know?

The Water In Graves Gym becomes infected with a mysterious green substance that turns regular teenage ninja turtles into teenage mutant ninja turtles.

APRIL

Despite the fact that nobody really knows what to call them, the ASWC/ASWU/Brotherhood of Nod holds elections. For president, the voters have a stark choice: The white male son of a politician Duvall RA who had been indicted in the 95 theses prank or, alternatively, the white male son of a politician Duvall RA who had been indicted in the 95 theses prank.

The voters chose the latter.

Half the Whitworth student body throws an epic Facebook tantrum when they discover that Student Athletes are being allowed to register first, making it next to impossible to get into a business or kinesiology class. The other half is just stunned to learn of cases of student athletes actually going to class.

Many skip the Bachelor auction when they discover they can get a used Michael Carlson on Amazon.com for much cheaper. Plus, free shipping.

Various Whitworth clubs work hard to raise awareness. They then send crates of awareness to Darfur to feed the starving children. The children find the awareness tasty, but a bit low on nutritional value.

The ASWC/ASWU/AFLAC recommends the title of Core program be changed from the rather Eurocentric "Western Civilizations" to the more inclusive "Ceramics."

Pirate Idol undergoes mitosis, splitting into dozens of different talent shows, including "Whitworth's Got Talent," "Whitworth Has Talent," "Mac Hall in Concert," shoddy imitation "Pyrite Idol" and "Whitworth's Next Top Project Runway Model Wife Swap." All are held within approximately two days of each other.

MAY

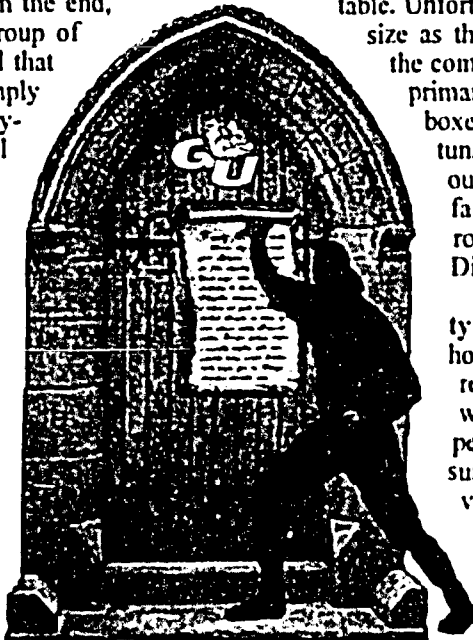
The Series Finale of "Whitworth: The College Years," ends with a number of shocking twists (Dick Mandeville wrote the 95 theses, the whole year was actually a drunken hallucination at SPU,) a heart-wrenching death (Cheeky the Squirrel's grisly decapitation by an errant Frisbee) and, like, 57 weddings.

I hope you had the time of your lives.

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Opinions

SENIOR

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in couch until it was flown from the Warren weather vain the next year.

►I never pulled a fire alarm, or put a bag of popcorn in a microwave for 30 minutes (starting a small fire in BJ) at the wee hours of the morning. I know the guys who did.

►I got my only Big Three in the second week of freshman year when at least 10 guys ran into BJ and emptied 14 bags of sappy pine needles and pinecones in the lounge. I am sorry Dick, only five of us fessed up to it, but you were terrifying in the conduct meeting.

►I never sipped even one drop of alcohol. ►If you have ever lost a Frisbee while playing Frisbee golf, I may know where it is.

►I have eaten at Saga without paying at least 30 times this year.

►I got a C in Great Themes of the Bible. ►Sometimes pinecones and snowballs used to fly through open windows in Warren. I may have been part of that.

►One Saturday night at least 10 guys (including myself) walked around campus and pilfered every unlocked bicycle we could find and put it in the middle of the Loop. Security would have seen us, but they were busy chasing some ninjas who were water ballooning the security guards.

I was news editor of The Whitworthian at the time and my editor-in-chief Chris Collins published a front page photo of the bicycles the next day with a story about how

the ninjas had pulled the bike prank. I never said a word in protest.

►I never said the F-word. ►I took part in 3rd floor naked night and changed the water of a fish tank while naked.

►My freshman year roommate's nickname was "Pepsi." I got the nickname "Sneaky Pete."

►I snuck onto the snow-covered football field and walked out an obscene picture in the snow.

►I also had my first Whitworth kiss at 2 a.m. laying on the high jump pit on the track.

►I dragged a large fallen branch to block the front door of Warren. I apologize for the bricks that broke on the corner.

►I water ballooned a party at the Moth-erland house and a dance party at the Drive-Inn.

►I despise Youth Group All Stars. ►I threw a baseball in front of Mac and busted one of the lamps out front.

►One night I taped open the back door to the teaching theater, but didn't have the huevos to actually watch a movie in there.

►I laughed a lot!

►I made great friends.

►I grew in my faith.

►I played too much Halo.

►I never cheated on an exam of any kind.

►I had a relationship that I learned A LOT from.

►I mooned an RD meeting.

►I won three intramural championships (so far).

►I told on some guys that were bringing alcohol into the dorm.

►I didn't tell on a lot more guys who brought alcohol into the dorm.

►I launched water balloons at sunbathers over the Arend dorm.

►I have a list of the entire campus e-mail list and have not sent out any campus e-mails.

►I threw water balloons into the tents of the LS 250 fasters my sophomore year at 2 a.m. I ran. Fast.

I am publishing this for no good reason except to show that Whitworth can be a fun place without disrupting too much community, having too much sex or drinking too much booze.

Once again, I may or may not have been part of all these happenings and I don't encourage many of these behaviors (although, Mac men, keep the rivalry alive!).

One more thing. I hope there is no such thing as a retroactive Big Three because I am not really admitting to any of these things. This may just be a humor column for all you know (except those select few who know the truth, or may have participated). May I be judged at the pearly gates.

►My bike got stolen last year, so I walked to school all winter long. I deserved it.

Farewell Whitworth. I am glad to be gone, but I am sure I will visit.

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Don't you remember me

SARA
MOREHOUSE
Writer



My senior Whitworth exiting wish is that you won't remember me. I don't need my name on the Campanile or my face on the Web site. I don't want to stand out or to be well known. I am not telling you to forget me; I simply just don't need to be remembered.

I hope that I have made some mark here, but I mean that in the sense of my actions, my words, my prayers. I only want what was done for the cause of Christ to be recalled after I have drawn back the pinecone curtain and stepped beyond it.

And, from my experience with myself, that shouldn't be too much for you to have to remember. Of course, I have wanted Christ to be in every deed of mine, but I didn't always let Him. There is some senior reflection for you ... let Him.

For example, after four years, and therefore eight seasons of Whitworth cross country and track teams, I am finally done. Even in the off-season, I was training and abstaining. It was pretty much a full-time commitment; one I wouldn't trade for not committing to it. And it always was my hope and effort that I did all of my athletics to the glory of God, through hard work, encouragement, prayer and praise.

A huge part of this is that I was on a team. Individuals came and went, but the team was always there. The people that I sweated and strained with, practice in, practice out were there every day. And though I was never a captain, never of national caliber, no one can deny that I was there.

Now that the running is finished, my last season spent, my goal is the same as my senior one, to not be remembered. I only wish that my team would remember to each work their hardest, to lift each other up, to not lose sight of what is important and to know why they are competing (may that motivation be the Lord; because without being created in His image, we would be pretty sorry athletes). If my teammates got even a smidgen of that from me, that makes every personal record, every place, every point worth it.

So, there you have it. I hope you see the photo mosaic that I am trying to assemble for you as my parting senior gift. You know, those posters that take tons of little pictures to make one big one if you step back. Here I am with snapshots from my time here at Whitworth, and I am telling you not to focus in on each one, but to step back and see Him and very little of me.

Without what Christ has done for me, there wouldn't be any pictures of me. Therefore, I want all that is compiled of me to make a big picture of Him. I try to match the color scheme and make the lines of His face straight, though I often come to a place of frustration in trying to get it right.

Then He comes, as He always does, to use my sorry material for His glory; all I have to do is to let Him. So, as you look at my attempt of Him, you might notice that His teeth have food bits in them and His left eye is missing.

Well, all I can say is ... He isn't done with me yet, so how can you expect me to be done with Him?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: "GLBTQ"

Check facts to insure accuracy

I do not intend to impugn the intelligence of the Whitworthian's staff writers or of its editors, but were any of you aware that the 'Q' in the acronym 'GLBTQ' does not, in fact, stand for 'queer'? In the April 24th article "Students, nation protest LGBT discrimination," staff writer Dani King made that very error. I assume that you know that the 'Q' stands for 'questioning.' Doubtless you are also aware that many members of the GLBTQ community regard the term 'queer' as derogatory.

I am proud to be a Whitworth student, but this error has made me somewhat ashamed to represent an institution that so grievously errs at the expense of certain of my peers. I am sure you would agree that if Whitworth is to claim a reputation as a place of enlightenment and understanding, we need to make sure that mistakes like these do not occur. If we profess to be using our minds and hearts, we cannot afford to misrepresent one of our school's most misunderstood minorities, especially not in a school-affiliated publication.

Claire Swinford
Freshman
Undeclared

Re: "Alumni giving"

Senior fund helps in future

I am writing to thank Peter Burke for recognizing the importance of alumni giving and to address his question about why gifts by current seniors are being split between the Senior Class Gift and The Whitworth Fund. Before a person donates to any cause, it is important to consider where the money is going and what one's motivation is for giving. As a recent alumnus as well as a fund-raiser for Whitworth, I'd like to offer an explanation on why these gifts from seniors are so important to us, and hopefully why they should be important to you.

A class gift is a wonderful token for a graduating class to leave behind for future classes. It feels good to give to something tangible, especially when you consider that twenty years from now, the bench seniors donate this year will still be utilized by students. The Senior Fund helps to make that possible, and is a much more effective and organized way of

collecting money than passing around a basket for pocket change at the Senior Dinner (as was the tradition just a few years ago).

The opportunity for grads to donate to The Senior Fund, however, goes beyond a one-time commemorative piece of cast-iron furniture. In a way, the portion of your gift which pays for the bench represents your time at Whitworth, and the portion of your gift going to The Whitworth Fund represents the future — the larger scope of your life as a Whitworth alum and a continuing connection to your alma mater. True, it's not as tangible as a bench. But as you give to The Senior Fund, you are not only representing yourself as part of The Last Class of Whitworth College, but also as part of the larger community of Whitworth supporters.

We acknowledge that students and alumni, both young and old, may sometimes find it difficult to make large gifts. When Whitworth publishes its annual report, the names of those who gave \$5 and \$10 gifts are listed right next to others who gave \$1,000 and \$25,000. As Peter mentioned, we do focus on participation because it's an "industry standard" for quantifying the overall satisfaction of our alumni. Alumni giving percentage is even one of the criteria considered by "U.S. News and World Report" in its annual rankings.

In short, the bench will always be here — but the other portion of a Senior Fund gift is a small but important first step in signifying your commitment to educating the minds and hearts of thousands of others following in your footsteps.

Elizabeth Strauch

Class of 2004

Assistant Director of Annual Giving

Re: "NBA MVP award"

Give MVP to the best player

The NBA is "going academy awards" argument is legitimate. Sure, the MVP award is a joke. But don't tear this year's most valuable player, whether he is Dirk Nowitzki or Steve Nash, down to that status. They're white. They're foreign. And they each deserve to be called the Most Valuable Player of the NBA.

The award is not about a monster individual game. Last I checked, a sixty point performance by one player isn't good enough to win a five-on-five game.

Props to Kobe and Dwyane. But how valuable are you really if your team can't win?

These two lead their teams to an unimpressive total of 86 wins. Steve and Dirk don't

throw down huge dunks or demonstrate anything close to being recognized as "hops." Dirk is a seven-footer who posts up at the free throw line. Nash is a pass first, through the legs pass second point guard, now a minority style in what should be the majority style of play for the position.

Maybe in Washington you only get the highlight reels, so Wade and Kobe are the MVPs. Judging by those tapes, they're the only players in the league. But each is likely to "lead" his team this year, on an early fishing trip. And though I have nothing but respect for Duncan, he failed to come up when the Spurs needed him.

Maybe "defense is boring" so your highlight reels didn't show him get shut down OT, game 7, the western conference semis, by none other than ... DeSagana Diop. That is when stars like Dirk and Nash now shine. They are the present and future, whether you want to acknowledge it or not. If your judging them by their "goofy looks," well, you better hope people don't judge you by your writing.

Jeff Campbell
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Re: "The Loop"

Loop needs frisbee activity

As I walked across the Loop the other day, I realized something was different. Every Tuesday I take the same path and suddenly there was something in the way. Suddenly it dawned on me: There were little orange cones all over the loop and a bunch of students running around chasing a flying disc — frisbee had reappeared in the Loop. And it made me so happy to see frisbee back in the loop that I stopped and watched for a few minutes.

Now I know a new intramural field is being built because of the Loop getting too much use and I know the subject of frisbee not being in the Loop has been exhausted, but it was still so nice to see frisbee back in the Loop that I felt it was noteworthy. And you have to admit the loop has definitely not been the same without frisbee; yes, it's greener, but much quieter. Yet having frisbee in the loop this week has been a bitter sweet reminder of how Whitworth used to look.

Heather De Camp
Junior
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Lost in subjectivity

Justin Lindborg discusses the importance of relying on authoritative knowledge.

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IRAQ

Approximately three in five U.S. service members who have died in the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq have been between 18- and 25-years-old.

In Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, 3,692 U.S. service members have died as of April 27. Approximately three in five of those service members in Iraq and Afghanistan are between the ages of 18- and 25-years-old, according to a Washington Post report.

"Look at the paper, look on the Web and look at who was killed this week and the majority are going to be 18, 19, 24 – super young," said John Harper, U.S. Navy corpsman and former Whitworth student. "I'm not saying older people aren't, but most are young."

The majority of service members are between 18 and 30, from all different races and socioeconomic backgrounds, Harper said. From his experiences in Iraq, Harper said military personnel are in constant danger.

"You have to realize that, in reality, every time you go out could be the last one," Harper said.

Junior Jonathan Leo, who served as a sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps and spent about four months in Iraq, worked with people who were mainly 19 and 20. Leo said he sees military death as part of what is expected.

"I know that they signed up to go into harm's way and know that people who come back get honored. People who get killed are protectors and guardians. People are honored for putting themselves in that position," Leo said.

Harper said the deaths often raise questions for service members.

"Especially when you see a 19-year-old kid get killed, which is not uncommon, it's the natural thought process to ask 'Where's God? Why did He allow this to happen?'," Harper said.

When U.S. Army Capt. Phillip Fassieux, assistant professor of military science at Gonzaga University, served in Iraq as a platoon leader. His soldiers ranged from 18 to 30, with the sergeant in his early 40s.

"Soldiers were 18 to 25 predominately. They are from every walk of life. They are poor, they are wealthy and they all have different reasons," Fassieux said. "It's what makes this job so dynamic and interesting to join these people together into a unified front."

The ages of the soldiers in Whitworth '01

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John Harper,
U.S. Navy Corpsman

alumna and U.S. Army Capt. Alyssa (Syme) Aarhaus' platoon while in Iraq ranged from 17 to 34, Aarhaus said. She was 22 at the time, but in charge of soldiers sometimes 15 years older than her.

"With your education, you are expected to make certain decisions," Aarhaus said.

Aarhaus said she saw young soldiers grow while serving in Iraq.

"It's really amazing to see 18- and 19-year-olds step up and mature in ways they couldn't have done back at home," Aarhaus said.

The U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) at Gonzaga prepares Whitworth and Gonzaga students for leadership positions in the Active Army, U.S. Army Reserve and Army National Guard. Students are commissioned as Army second lieutenants after graduation.

Currently, 91 Whitworth and Gonzaga students are in the ROTC program.

ROTC cadet and senior Walter Helmick, who will be commissioned in July and then will go into training to become an ordinance officer, saw only two career options in his future for most of his life – the military or ministry.

Helmick said the possibility for deployment is something soldiers are aware of.

"It's kind of an expected fact of joining the military these days," Helmick said.

Fellow ROTC cadet and senior Clayton Erickson said he knew deployment was a real possibility when he signed up.

"For me this is like any job. If you have an obligation to them, you respect that," Erickson said.

Sophomore Emilee Langbehn's younger brother plans to enter the U.S. Navy after high school graduation next year and hopes to go join the Navy SEALs, she said.

"Ever since third grade he's been telling us. We thought it was a phase," Langbehn said. "We all support him. We are proud that he feels so convicted to serve."

Langbehn struggles with the emotional implications of his prospective service, she said.

"Especially my mom and I are having a hard time thinking about losing him. It's hard emotionally even though we are not at that point yet," Langbehn said.

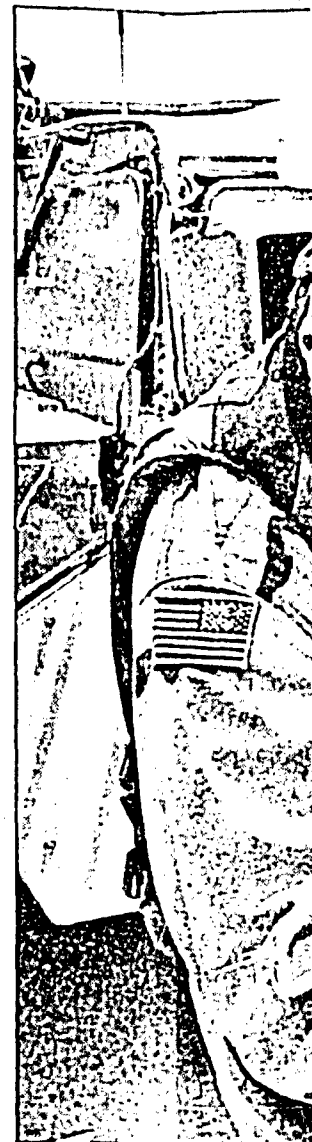
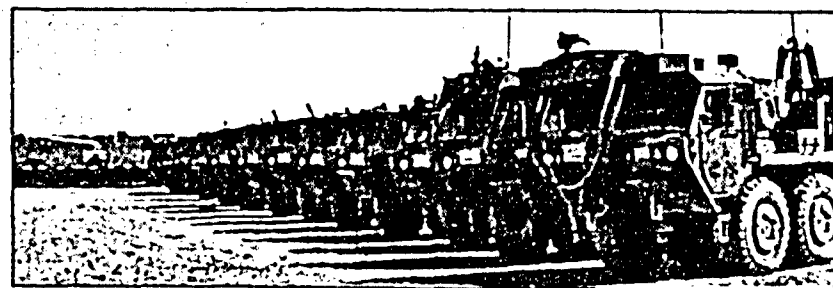
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Want to learn more about U.S. Army ROTC program or learn how a troop surge could affect students? Read the stories at: www.whitworthian.com



TOP LEFT: U.S. Army Capt. Aly Hussien's nose in a mural at the this Iraqi airbase a few days prior, all of the murals were painted.

LEFT: The trucks of '03 alumna.

TOP: Cowart in Kurdistan when.

ABOVE: The unit's of Whitworth alumnus Dan Futrell met in Bag.

THEIR STORIES

Three U.S. service members who spent time in Iraq tell their military experiences.

Jasmine Linabary
Layout/graphics editor

The background contains the names of U.S. service members who died in Afghanistan or Iraq from January 2005 to April 2007. Due to space constraints, this does not include the names of those who died in 2003 or 2004.



JUNIOR JONATHAN LEO SERVED AS A U.S. MARINE CORP

For junior Jonathan Leo, the biggest draws to the U.S. Marine Corps were "looking good in the blues" and the lifestyle portrayed in the commercials.

Leo signed a contract with the Marines at age 17 in January 1998, after convincing his parents to sign a waiver. After finishing high school, he went to boot camp.

Leo served in active duty for five years, stationed in the United States, Japan and Iraq.

"The core answer to why I joined is because I like camping and like to play with guns," Leo said. "I liked the lifestyle portrayed in the advertisements."

Leo said he found the advertisements were not telling the whole truth.

"It's definitely a lifestyle that's not always approved of by the Christian faith," Leo said.

Leo said his squadron would go into ports in South Korea and Thailand where many of the other Marines would go in and get prostitutes.

"They always threatened to get a prostitute and lock me in a room with her, which they never did," Leo said. "I did conform to their lifestyle in some ways – I swore a lot. I fit in as much as I could but wouldn't compromise on the big issues."

Name:
Jonathan Leo
Rank: U.S. Marine
Corps Sergeant
Service time in
Operation Iraqi
Freedom:
four months
Location: Kuwait

Leo's service with the Marines began officially the summer following his senior year of high school when he went down to a military entrance processing station to complete a physical before going to boot camp in southern California.

After boot camp, Leo went to Marine combat training and then aviation school to be trained in helicopter maintenance before joining a squadron. He worked on the CH-53E helicopter.

Leo was then stationed in Miramar, Calif. with a squadron and went on two six-month deployments to Okinawa, Japan.

"[Okinawa] was awesome. It was kind of like a Japanese Bermuda. I went scuba diving, biking around town and worked, of course," Leo said.

While in Okinawa, Leo went on flight orders and trained to be a crew member on the CH-53E helicopter.

His squadron was sent to Iraq in February 2003, prior to the official declaration of war, and was land-based in Kuwait.

"I was excited. People who join the military want to go to war. That's when you get the ribbons and that's when you look good in the blues. All the other

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FORMER STUDENT AND U.S. NAVY CORPSMAN JOHN HARPER

Former Whitworth student and U.S. Navy Corpsman John Harper had to witness the situation in Iraq to understand the human elements of war.

"You come over a little naïve and kind of excited because this is what you signed up for," Harper said. "When you see it in the hospital and on the street, it sinks in. Not that I didn't know it before, but it doesn't really sink in until you see it. You don't realize the heaviness, the humanity or the lack thereof."

Harper attended Whitworth for the 2002-03 academic year as a freshman. He participated in ROTC, receiving a scholarship partway through.

"I wanted to serve, to be in the military," Harper said. "It seemed like a good way to do both things at once."

In the spring semester, Harper took professor of political science John Yoder's Nonviolent Defense and Conflict Resolution class. At the same time, he was taking ROTC classes. The combination made him question.

"It wasn't just peace studies. I couldn't reconcile being an Army infantry officer with my worldview at that point," Harper said. "I decided it was the best thing to do to be honest with myself."

Harper declined his ROTC scholarship and was unable to continue at Whitworth. When he came to Spokane that summer to get his belongings, he almost changed his mind again.

"I really loved Whitworth," Harper said.

Harper enrolled in community college for a semester and took a medical class he enjoyed. He still wanted to be in the military.

"I made elaborate schemes to come back to Whitworth and finance myself, including fishing in Alaska," Harper said. "But if I didn't join the military now, I knew that I would never be in the military. I felt that if I didn't serve, I would regret it later in life. So, I decided it was now or never."

Harper enlisted with the Navy to become a corpsman. Beginning in February 2004, he completed boot camp and attended medical training schools, some dealing with field medicine and working with trauma. Harper's unit was sent to Okinawa, Japan for seven months. When he returned, he switched units to go to Iraq and was sent a month later in February 2006.

Harper stationed in Fallujah and Habbaniya, Iraq. He spent the first part of his deployment doing reports and working part time at a trauma hospital, what he described as a "difficult learning experience."

Harper then worked with a bomb squad unit, which went out on calls to check for and/or dispose of IEDs (improvised explosive devices). He went along in case someone got hurt.

"It was at times very nerve-racking, and at other times pretty routine," Harper said.

Harper said he did not feel safe when only a few U.S. forces were around and when his unit traveled on dirt roads. The scariest circumstance was when one of the vehicles would explode as a result of a direct hit to the vehicle's side or underneath, Harper said.

"You didn't know what you would find - if you would find a human microwave or if everyone would get out without a scratch," Harper said.

Harper's unit experienced the death of one of its members. A blast killed Staff Sgt. Williams immediately and one other service member was injured.

"I felt guilty for not looking at him. When I think about it, the blast was so severe that even if I was the best surgeon in the world I really couldn't have done anything. He was killed as soon as the blast went off," Harper said. "I didn't kneel down beside him or start any procedures. I stood over him, and he was lying there, lifeless. It's not that I ignored him, but I didn't know the extent of the other guy's injuries."

For Harper, who said he had a different perspective since he spent time in the hospitals and off the base, the deaths brought out questions.

"Iraqi civilians and Americans who get killed, in some cases heroically - where are they now? It's a hard thing to wrestle with," Harper said. "I prayed a lot, especially on dirt roads."

Harper, a Christian, said narrow misses strengthened his faith.

"Coming back, I realized, God has a purpose for your life. I can say that now," Harper said. "I can tell stories where if things were different, I would have died. The fact that I didn't told me God has a plan for me."

Harper returned from Iraq in February. He is currently stationed in southern California. He will complete his service in two years and 10 months.

Harper intends to continue his education during his service and return to Whitworth in the fall of 2010.



Name:
John Harper
Rank: U.S.
Navy Corpsman
Service time in Operation Iraqi Freedom:
one year
Locations:
Fallujah,
Habbaniya

WHITWORTH '01 ALUMNA AND U.S. ARMY CAPT. ALYSSA AARHAUS

For Whitworth '01 alumna and U.S. Army Capt. Alyssa Aarhaus and her husband, serving in Iraq sometimes meant not being able to speak to each other for long periods at a time.

"It was harder on him," Aarhaus said. "When your spouse is at home reading horrible reports in the news, they can't control the situation. I knew he would be fine, but he didn't know I would be fine."

Aarhaus, formerly Syme, attended Whitworth College for four years on an ROTC scholarship, graduating with a degree in English writing and commissioned as an officer in the Army. She married fellow '01 alumnus Benjamin Aarhaus after graduation.

As the oldest of four children, the Army gave her the best financial offer, she said.

"I loved ROTC. It was nice because the leadership training you weren't going to get elsewhere," Aarhaus said.

Though her aim was to go into the Adjutant General Corps, a human resources branch, Aarhaus was first sent to a combat arms branch for three years, serving as an Air Defense Artillery platoon leader and executive officer at Fort Bliss, Texas from 2001-2004.

"I was responsible for 30 some people with various ages, ranks, ethnicities, attitudes," Aarhaus said. "In the Army, you meet just about every kind of person."

Aarhaus received notification of deployment in November 2002. At the time she did not know when or where she would be going; she was told to be prepared to go for about a year, Aarhaus said.

"I think when you join you know it's just part of the job. Yes, we were scared, but we're Christians and have always believed God was bigger than the Army," Aarhaus said.

Aarhaus left for Iraq in January 2003 and started in Qatar as a platoon leader in patriot air defense. Her platoon was to defend the specified area against air threats.

Shortly after the first missile attack on Kuwait, her platoon received a 24-hour notice to pack up everything because they would be moving north, Aarhaus said.

"I called Ben and told him we were moving north and I was not sure when

I'd be able to talk again," Aarhaus said.

Her platoon went from Qatar to Kuwait and drove in convoys into the middle of the desert. She was there for a month and a half, unable to contact her husband.

The publicized ambush and capture of Army Private Jessica Lynch occurred about that time in the same area.

"When Ben heard all those stories, he had no idea if it was me," Aarhaus said. "And I couldn't contact him. He relied on the Family Readiness Group, a spouse organization for families while soldiers are deployed, for all of his information."

Her platoon returned to Kuwait when there was no longer an air threat and sat in a warehouse for awhile.

"There were about 1,000 of us sleeping in this warehouse in 120 degree weather waiting for a boat to pick up our equipment before we could fly out," Aarhaus said.

Aarhaus did not have much interaction with the Iraqis on a daily basis, since she was in the middle of the desert, but she remembers Iraqi children coming out, waving American flags, she said.

As a woman in the military, Aarhaus said she felt no different than any other soldier.

"To be honest, I hate the woman question. I feel it takes away from being a soldier," Aarhaus said. "Yes, it's different when you had to pee and had to open the Humvee door instead of just standing up or when my hair got sand fleas because it was so long. As far as emotionally and physically, there's no difference. The sacrifices of many military women before me brought on this equality."

Aarhaus returned from Iraq in June 2003. She switched to human resources and after moving to Colorado, is currently the commander for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Space Battalion and is in charge of 45 soldiers.

Aarhaus now has an 18-month-old son. When she was in Iraq, she had a soldier whose first son was born while he was deployed and other soldiers with 1 or 2-year-olds who came back after six months and their children took time to come to them, Aarhaus said.

"It's different now that I'm a mom," Aarhaus said.

Aarhaus said she may have the possibility of being deployed to Iraq again in the future.



Name:
Alyssa Aarhaus
Rank: U.S.
Army captain
Service time in Operation Iraqi Freedom:
six months
Locations:
Qatar,
desert,
Kuwait



TOP LEFT: U.S. Army Capt. Alyssa Aarhaus sticks her gun up Saddam Hussien's nose in a mural at the Tallil Airbase. U.S. troops took over this Iraqi airbase a few days prior. After about two weeks in the country, all of the murals were painted over. *Photo courtesy of Alyssa Aarhaus*

LEFT: The trucks of '03 alumnus Josh Cowart's platoon.

TOP: Cowart in Kurdistan where he said "things are much safer."

ABOVE: The unit of Whitworth alumnus Tyler Marsh and Gonzaga alumnus Dan Futrell met in Baghdad. Both are currently in Iraq. *Photos courtesy of Lt. Col. Alan Westfield*

MARINE CORPS SERGEANT

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time you are training," Leo said.

Most of his squadron stayed in Kuwait, but as a crew member for a helicopter, Leo got to fly into Iraq. Leo said people in the United States might be more informed than service members.

"I don't think I would know more if I was still over there. When I was there, I focused on doing the job. I didn't have time to know the big picture. In some ways, we are more informed over here than the people on the ground," Leo said.

Leo was sent back to the United States ahead of his squadron since he was supposed to get out of active duty in July 2003. He proposed to his girlfriend in 2004 and they both came to Whitworth that year.

Leo received his honorable discharge in 2006, after serving five years of active duty and three years inactive reserve.

"I loved doing it, but I like the life I have now more," Leo said. "You either have to be married to the Marine Corps or married to someone else. I miss it, but I'm glad I'm not in it."

Leo intends to be a high school science teacher after he graduates from Whitworth in 2008. Leo said he recognizes that if he had gone to college first he would have had a different outcome.

"It was definitely good I served first," Leo said. "If I had to do it over, I'd do it the exact same way."

EARTH WEEK: STUDENTS UNITE FOR GREENER CAMPUS

Blair Tellers
Staff writer



Just in case you forgot that April 22 was National Earth Day, members of Whitworth's Good Deeds for Trees created a friendly reminder outside the Hixson Union Building: a giant blue tarp neatly stacked with piles of material that could have been recycled, instead of thrown out.

"I think it all adds aesthetic warmth to the campus," junior David Weaver said, motioning to mounds of plastic, glass, mixed paper and cardboard.

Weaver, with members of Good Deeds for Trees and other volunteers, sorted through dormitory dumpsters to salvage materials for re-use.

Whitworth recycles corrugated cardboard, aluminum and newspaper, but there are many items that could be re-used that are discarded daily.

"A big problem on this campus is that recycling is not a high priority to our school," Weaver said. "As of now the facilities workers would like to institute a better program but the college isn't allocating funds for that."

Senior Ashley Bauman, president of Good Deeds for Trees, said the club's goal is to raise awareness. No one is out to criticize or point fingers.

"Environmental conservation is a matter of education - it's a question of social justice," Bauman said. "Things like throwing away a plastic bottle - many students here don't know that you have to uncap a bottle and rinse it out."

As part of Earth Week activities, members and volunteers of Good Deeds for Trees brought two petitions to students every day from noon to 1 p.m. in the café. The petitions will be presented to the Board of Trustees for the purposes of recycling on campus and working towards the goal of using 100 percent renewable energy. "We, as Americans, consume so much," Bauman said. "Our consumption affects millions of people around the world."

Americans constitute 5 percent of the world's population but consume 24 percent of the world's energy.

"It is the third-world countries that



Thomas Robinson/Whitworthian

Senior Julie Lauterbach organizes recycling materials as part of Earth Week 2007.

are going to suffer the most," Weaver said. "Look - even just to eat lunch I'm going to throw away this much." He pointed to a sheet of paper, a plastic juice bottle, plastic silverware, a soup container and plastic wrapping.

According to Global Issues Home, a Web site dedicated to the current major economical issues, the issue is not consumption but its patterns and effects.

"For example in Bangladesh or Indonesia - islands are being affected by global warming. Or in the Arctic, Native Americans have to relocate. In Alaska, species are dying out, and if one species is affected it affects the rest of the food chain. Winters are ending sooner, rivers are melting, and all of that affects life in those areas," Weaver said.

Senior Julie Lauterbach, a mem-

AMERICAN CONSUMPTION

Americans constitute 5 percent of the world but consume 24 percent of the world's energy.

The average American consumes as much energy as:

Japanese	2
Mexicans	6
Chinese	13
Indians	31
Bangladeshis	128
Tanzanians	307
Ethiopians	370

Information courtesy of www.purdue.edu

ber of Good Deeds for Trees, said her biggest concern is an individual's perspective of his or her ability to make a difference.

"People think that as an individual they can't really make a difference. With anything, it's hard for an individual to break it down and say 'okay - what can I do - what can I change in my life to make a difference?' Often we never take that step because it's too daunting," Lauterbach said.

To save energy and consume less, Lauterbach and her roommates compost in their home, turn down the heat, buy organic food, turn off lights and re-use as much as they can.

"Buying from local growers is really good," Lauterbach said.

This is the first time Good Deeds for Trees has had activities during the week.

Activities included an educational meeting on sustainable living, a speech on energy, a talk on conservation and a speech titled "Who Killed the Electric Car?"

"Richelle Reid's talk on sustainable living is extremely applicable in terms of what we can do within our own homes," Lauterbach said.

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Pet store entices with unusual, exotic animals

Blair Tellers
Staff writer

To those of you longing for furry companionship, missing the best friends you had to leave behind when you packed your bags and said goodbye to the wagging tails, cheerful chirps or licking tongues and headed off for the animal-less confines of a dormitory: Be saddened no longer by the regulations of

Whitworth's strict No Pets policy. There is an alternate solution to

hiding a contraband cat in your closet or the beta fish bowl under your bed.

Northwest Seed and Pet Co. on North Division is the perfect cure for the I-Miss-My-Pet Blues.

Originally founded by Harry Gross in 1944, Gross began selling pets and pet supplies in addition to traditional lawn and garden products.

Gross's interest in exotic animals led him to bring more and more exotic beasts, which eventually led to the concept of "Jungle Town" - Spokane's only zoo.

Corey Epley, a store employee who has worked for Northwest

Seed and Pet Co. for 30 years, said many years ago it wasn't hard or expensive to acquire exotic animals.

"We had a Gibbons Ape, Kinkajou, Monkeys, Toucans - that was all back at the original Sprague location," Epley said. "Back in those days, you could just order those kinds of animals from wholesalers. Obviously now it's very illegal."

During the time when it wasn't illegal, animals on display at Jungle Town included an elephant, lion, puma, chimpanzees, baboons, ocelots, bobcats, wallabies, and dozens of other interesting specimens.

"One time Cat Tales even brought in some of their babies and spent the day with us. People could come and play with the babies and make a donation to the park if they wanted to," said store manager Lori Bailey.

Today Northwest Seed and Pet Co. offers a delightful variety of creatures great and small to satisfy anyone's nostalgia for a pet left at home.

"A lot of our animals come from the public," Epley said. "And if something won't sell, we just lower the price or adopt it out. No animal goes anywhere but to a good home. Nothing has ever



Katie Alamine/Whitworthian

An iguana lounges in its tank at Northwest Seed and Pet Co.

been here long enough that it became a worry. There's a place for every animal."

And indeed, there is an animal for everyone's taste. In addition to the average candidates like puppies and kittens, Northwest Seed and Pet often carries baby pot-bellied pigs, goats, and chinchillas.

Also residing at Northwest Seed and Pet is the world's second largest rodent. Native to Argentina, Chile, and Peru, the Patagonian Cavy is related to the capybara and the guinea pig but looks something like a rabbit

crossed with a deer. Nicknamed "Tulip" by popular vote, the Patagonian Cavy has eyelashes that Miss America would kill for.

Cute as she is, Tulip isn't the only animal hard to resist. During her sophomore year Jennifer Ingersoll gave in to an adorable pod of baby ducks that Northwest Seed and Pet brought in for Easter.

"I got a baby duck from Northwest Seed and Pet," Ingersoll said. "I named it Martin but it turned out to be a girl. I kept it in my dorm room for a week until

my R.A. found out, and I gave it to David Weaver's parents. Now she lays eggs and the Weaver family eats them for breakfast every week."

If upsetting your R.A. by breaking the rules is something that concerns you, consider something less conspicuous - like ghost shrimp. They're near invisible and could easily pass for a clear bowl of water or a forgotten science project.

Other interesting friends at Northwest Seed and Pet include Kyle the African bullfrog, a giant blob of a fleshy amphibian, not to be mistaken for a fresh cow pie with eyes.

The swarm of albino pinky mice sharing a single cage is also hugely entertaining. Watching 100 rodents attempt to pile onto one exercise wheel is almost as engaging as the bearded dragon who charges the glass anytime a curious child taps on its cage.

But if exercise-crazed mice or a bullfrog with a serious thyroid problem does not peak your interest, the fun doesn't stop there. You could also make friends with the blue-tongue skink, the peacock "Weirdo," chameleons or the red rump tarantulas.

"It's just a great place," said Epley. "I love working here."

Bodybuilders place fifth, sixth

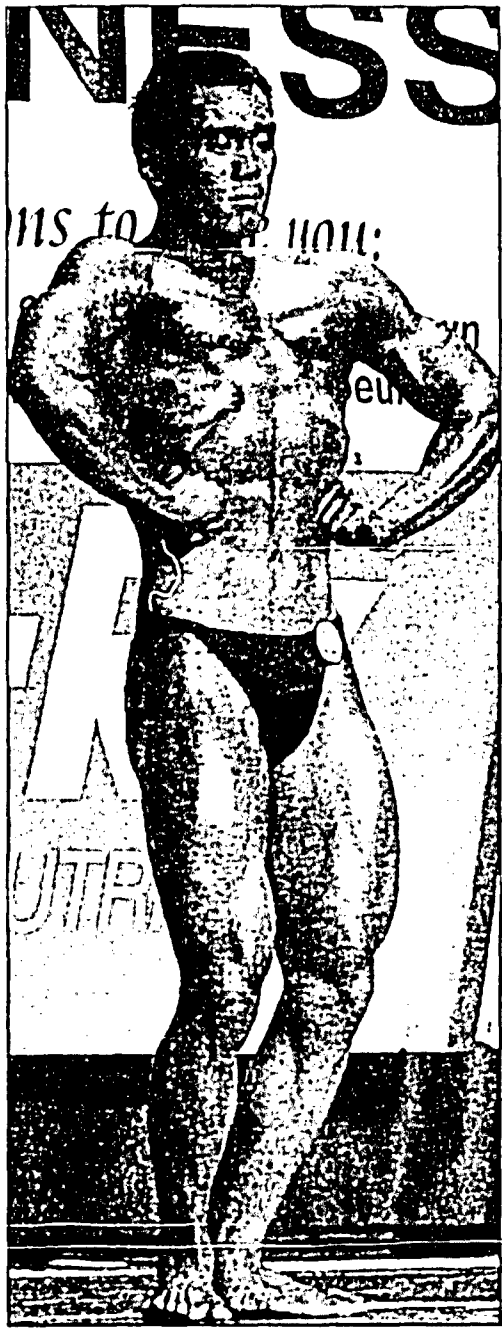


Photo courtesy of Andrew Esqueda
Senior Freddy Ky poses during last weekend's Empire Bodybuilding Classic. Ky placed fifth in his category.

Julie Woolton
Staff writer

On Saturday, two Whitworth men participated in a bodybuilding competition in front of more than 1,100 audience members.

Senior Freddy Ky, a nursing major and junior Andrew Esqueda, a theology major and biblical languages minor, participated in the 6th Annual Empire Bodybuilding Classic at the Northern Quest Casino in Spokane.

Ky and Esqueda were among more than 100 total competitors.

Ky participated in the open men's middle-weight competition. He earned fifth place in his category of 10 competitors.

Esqueda participated in the junior men's category, for men 20 years old and younger. He earned sixth place in his category of nine.

The competition began with pre-judging at 9:30 a.m. with the different categories: fitness routines, figure (two-piece), junior men, masters women, masters men, fitness (two-piece), figure (one-piece), open women (light, heavy) and open men (light, middle, light-heavy, heavy).

The finals competition began at 6 p.m. and included the same categories except for figure.

Ivan Ribic, a professional bodybuilder and co-promoter of the event, said in an e-mail interview that the first three years of the competition were held at the Shadle Park High School auditorium. For the past two years, the competition has been held at the Northern Quest Casino.

The event was open to any National Physique Committee (NPC) registered athlete. The NPC is an organization for amateur athletes. Membership in the NPC is required in order to eventually join the International Federation of Bodybuilders (IFBB), an organization for professional bodybuilders.

Most of the competitors were from the Spokane/Coeur d'Alene area, although there were also many competitors from other places in the western United States. Ribic said that each year, the Empire Classic brings in a professional bodybuilder to make a guest appearance.

"This year's guest will be Marcus Haley who recently competed at the Arnold Classic," Ribic said. "We will also be featuring World's Strongest Man competitor Jesse Mudunde during the evening event, who will be performing various

feats of strength."

Ky and Esqueda said they heard about the competition mainly through word-of-mouth.

"I found out about it last year at the gym," Ky said. "Around this time of year is when all the buzz about competitions is going around."

Ky and Esqueda both said this was their first bodybuilding competition. Ky said he started training last year, but has been lifting since high school.

"I wanted to participate in the competition because I respect the people and the lifestyle associated with it [bodybuilding] and getting the satisfaction of knowing I've had the determination to achieve something most other people wouldn't be able to do," Ky said.

Esqueda said he wrestled in high school, which is one of the reasons why he started bodybuilding.

"I decided not to wrestle after high school, but I wanted to compete in some athletic activity and the mentality and training you need for wrestling is very similar to that of bodybuilding, so I decided to make competing in a bodybuilding contest one of my goals," Esqueda said.

Ky and Esqueda formally began their pre-contest diet and training at the beginning of January.

While Ky and Esqueda were not sponsored by a particular gym or supplement company, some of the contestants were.

"It is nice to have a sponsor, but that usually doesn't happen until you hit the big shots," Ky said.

Esqueda and Ky trained together Mondays through Saturdays with professional bodybuilder Brad Hollibaugh.

"We did one hour of cardio in the morning on an empty stomach, lifted for about 45 minutes, and then did another hour of cardio," Esqueda said. "Our diet currently consists of 60 grams of carbohydrates a day coming from oatmeal and broccoli and 350 grams of protein per day from protein shakes, chicken and fish."

Ky said he plans to continue bodybuilding.

"I'm addicted to this sport now," Ky said.

Esqueda said bodybuilding is the hardest thing he has ever done, even over wrestling.

"Bodybuilding is not a sport, it's a lifestyle," Esqueda said. "It has taught me to live a healthy and active life and I have learned a great amount about nutrition and training."

City LIFE

Downtown street party hosted in Riverfront park

There will be a free Street Party in downtown Spokane on Friday, May 4. The event will start at 4 p.m. at Riverfront Park followed by a parade to an undisclosed location.

The goal of Reclaim The Streets! is to recreate public space within the community. There will be live music, dancing, food, games and art. You can bring anything fun and creative to participate.

Bloomies run downtown this Sunday morning

The annual Lilac Bloomsday Run takes place in and around downtown Spokane on Sunday, May 6. Late registration is still possible and costs \$30. The 12 kilometers (7.46 miles) long run will start at 9 a.m. and the course closes at 1 p.m.

All money raised through donations will help Spokane's Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery provide safe shelter and care for children living in crisis situations.

A&E BRIEFS

Broadway Unbound brings dancing, acting

Broadway Unbound will be held this Friday at 7 p.m. in Cowles Memorial Auditorium.

The performance will feature 15 dance pieces and four theatre and acting pieces.

Cost is \$1 for students, staff and community members. Broadway Unbound is presented by Whitworth Theatre and Dance.

Final Decisions lecture to be held Thursday

The final lecture of the 50th annual Great Decisions Lecture Series will take place this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Weyerhaeuser Theatre.

Joseph Borich will talk about "Emerging China-U.S. Relations: Flashpoints on and below the Radar."

Borich is the Director of the Washington State China Relations Council. He just returned from time in China and brought fresh information to share.

Compiled by Linda Poort

Why I love music, reasons 617 through 652

Caleb Knox
Staff writer

As you may have guessed, music is very important to me. I've constantly got something running in the background while doing homework or hanging out, I work for KWRS and I write this column. But why? What could possibly drive me to become so involved in an art form that I have very, very little talent in?

There are a lot of factors. This is just a small selection of the reasons I love music and have invested myself into the industry:

First of all, I love Sufjan Stevens. I love Alkaline Trio, and I love Modest Mouse. I love Mew, The Shins, Matisyahu and Foo Fighters.

I love independent bands that scratch and claw their way to the top. They tour nonstop, record on the road, make their own T-shirt and go to ridiculous lengths to get 'noticed.' I love their tiny group of irrationally passionate fans that follow them on the road and shout the words to every song that nobody

else has ever heard before.

I love Tuesdays now, because Tuesday is album release day. And even though I love my iPod and I love the whole digital music thing, I can't handle the iTunes music store. I have to have the full package – the cover art, the lyrics sheet, the feel of opening a brand new CD (yes, even with that stupid sticker on top). I think we're pretty lucky to have someone's art mass produced in a way that is so accessible to everyone, no matter your location.

I love that for Elvis Presley's third appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show, Elvis was only shown from the waist up because of his provocative hip movements – and one out of every three Americans watched the show that night anyway.

I love music majors. I love concerts, recitals, talent shows and guerilla performances. I love the

discipline that they have to practice their given instrument for countless hours. That work ethic had to have been instilled in them at an early age, and it's paying off. I love that music classes have been proven to be good for a child's mental development.

I love David Bowie.

For some reason, I love "American Idol." I don't know if it's the



corny drama of it, how obsessed people can get, or the fact that they can actually turn out some pretty good singers. I think it's probably

rooted in the way that someone tries to shatter the Unintentional Comedy Scale every year, whether it's William Hung, Taylor Hicks or Sanjaya Malakar.

I love that music is so subjective; it's a constant source of argument. My roommate hates rap music, I hate the Dave Matthews Band, and we're both right.

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- Takes up more space in news headlines
- We're one more word change away from being "Gonzaga University" and having an awesome basketball team
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- Instead of our abbreviation getting confused with "Whitman College" we'll be confused with the far more prestigious "Wabash University"
- Seniors get two diplomas
- ASWU is more fun to say
- International students are drawn to the word "University" like a moth to the flame

Women's Week engages campus



Li Bowie Whitworthian

RIGHT: Senior Emily Hurianek speaks at *That Takes Ovaries* last week as part of Women's Week. ABOVE: Juniors Bethany Harmon, Emilie Olsen and seniors Charity Triplett and Ben Works participate in a discussion.



Events empower; educate students about women's issues

Laura Richardson
Staff writer

Women's Week elicited encouragement, tears, some opposition and free condoms.

From a sexual health booth to a candlelight vigil protesting domestic and sexual violence, Women's Week empowered women and educated the campus about rape, sexual health and how to be bold.

Junior Ali Hudak helped organize "Sex on the Sidewalk," which included a sexual health booth each day in Lied Square and sexual health, rape and domestic violence statistics chalked on sidewalks across campus. The booth featured free condoms, candy and pamphlets on sexual health issues such as date rape and abortion.

"A lot of people have picked up information on the morning after pill," Hudak said. "It's good that people are trying to educate themselves."

Students seemed excited and interested in the booth, Hudak said. Despite some opposition to the free condoms, the overall response was encouraging, Hudak said.

"It's encouraging to find more people on the Whitworth campus who are as passionate about [sexual health] as me," Hudak said. "I'm passionate about sex education because I'd

never had it."

The Tuesday night event "That Takes Ovaries" served as motivation for women to live bold lives.

Bobbi Ausubel, co-author of the play "That Takes Ovaries," talked about "how to live a bold and brazen life," said senior Amy Newton, who organized the event.

After Ausubel spoke, four Whitworth women read stories from the book "That Takes Ovaries," on which the play is based. The book, edited by Rivka Solomon, features encouraging stories of bold and brazen women doing bold and brazen acts.

The evening concluded with an open-mic session during which more than 10 people shared their stories. Some women spoke about their battles with disease or learning to be bold, and a couple men shared stories of the bold and brazen women in their lives.

"I think for a lot of people it took a lot of courage to get up there and speak," Newton said. "Everyone felt extremely uplifted and encouraged."

Hudak felt personally touched by some of the women and men's stories.

"To hear their struggles, it breaks my heart. A lot of people cried," Hudak said. "It was really neat to hear people be so open on a campus that's usually not so accepting."

Vigil takes back night

Bethany Hergert
Staff writer

Marching by candlelight around campus last Friday evening, approximately 30 women took back the night to raise awareness about sexual violence. The vigil followed a speech by Todd Denny, a well-known speaker against sexual violence and aggression.

Denny urged the group be aware not only of danger to themselves, but be on guard for others.

He listed women's natural intuition as one of the best defenses against sexual assault. Men, he said, should find ways to help women out of possibly harmful situations.

Senior Emily Hurianek saw Denny's message and "Taking Back the Night" as a way in which to open up conversation on campus about gender roles.

"We created this event for both men and women," Hurianek said. "For women to celebrate themselves and for men to celebrate women to foster positive gender relations on campus."

The vigil began after Denny's speech. The group paraded around campus before settling into Pirates Cove. Candles lit the stage as sexual assault survivors spoke words of advice and hope for other women.

The first speaker, has made her passion for helping abused women into a career as a minister, spoke of her two experiences of being raped and how that plunged her into a questioning of God and the value of life.

"Out of your misery came your ministry," she said, attributing her calling to God.

She told those who have suffered sexual assault, and women in general, to not be afraid.

"Women have the right to not only take back the night," she said. "But to take back their lives."

Junior Allyn Krzymowski felt the event was valuable considering the climate of our society.

"Throughout history, sexual aggression has been against women, and in a society like ours, this [event] can be an example to effect change," Krzymowski said. "It encourages us to speak out."

Whitworth staff share wisdom at Men of Genius

Kelly McChrills
Caley Ochoa
Staff writers

They are real. They are men. They have life experience and wisdom. Some would call them "geniuses."

In the midst of Women's Week, five "men of genius"—professor of communication studies Ron Pyle, associate dean of students Richard Mandeville, assistant professor of physics Kamesh Sankaran, professor of theology Jerry Sittser and President Bill Robinson—shared years of knowledge on a variety of subjects to Whitworth men.

New ASWU President and junior Scott Donnell started the project.

He saw a need for Whitworth men to build community and open up about important topics.

"There's a huge need for mentorship on campus," Donnell said. "It's a great experience."

Donnell collaborated with juniors Caleb Knox and Ozzie Crocco, as well as resident director



Thomas Robinson Whitworthian

Professor of communication studies Ron Pyle addresses a group of men in the Seeley G. Mudd chapel as part of the Real Men of Genius program last Saturday.

Sean Mulcahy, to create the conference.

Speakers drew from personal experiences to share practical knowledge of what it's like to be a real man.

Instead of referring to the subjects they taught, these teachers and administrators offered life experience and delved deep into relational issues.

Sittser offered an overview of Christian masculinity over the ages.

"I really liked what Ron Pyle had to say," freshman Robbie Chalmers said. "He talked to us about friendship, but he also said a lot about romantic relationships."

"He talked a lot about respect towards women," freshman Craig Harris said.

Mandeville spoke about intimacy. He discussed intimacy with God, in community and with women.

"If I could do one topic and knew that guys would get it, it would be intimacy," Mandeville said.

Mandeville asked the male audience what they thought intimacy was, the first response he received was "sex."

He defined intimacy as "belonging to one's deepest nature."

"We really long for someone to completely get us, but we settle for sex," Mandeville said.

Mandeville asked audience members to imagine an intimate relationship they had and what it felt like being in the relationship.

Pyle and Mandeville commented on relationships and Sankaran discussed lust and laziness and how they affect relationships.

Sophomore Ryan Tuck said he loved what Sankaran said about the boundaries men should set up.

"My favorite part was when [Sankaran] talked on boundar-

ies concerning lust and laziness," Tuck said. "You may not want to set up these boundaries, but you should."

Senior Alexander Schloss thought Sankaran's comments were interesting.

"His comments on what drives us in life were important to the men of Whitworth," Schloss said.

Schloss heard some of the other speakers and all Robinson's speech. Robinson spoke on what it means to be a man in today's society.

Robinson said men deal with drives for money, sex and power.

He went on to explain how men can control those drives rather than letting drives control them.

"The best defense is a good offense," Robinson said in regards to overcoming these obstacles.

Many members of the audience appreciated what the "men of genius" said.

Sophomore Collin Stewart said the conference created a "sense of belonging" men desire and need.

RELIGIOUS BELIEFS SURVEY REVEALS CHRISTIAN DOMINANCE

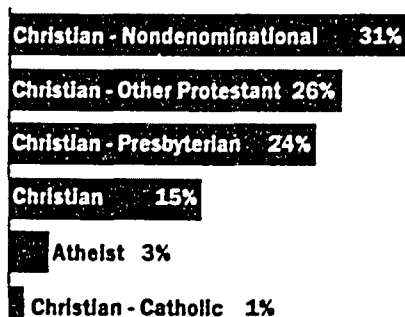
Nathan Harrison
Staff writer

A survey on religious beliefs distributed to Whitworth students revealed an overwhelming Christian campus, but still comprised of a host of denominations.

Over 300 surveys were handed out to students in the Core 150, 250, and 350 classes in the weeks before and after Spring Break. Seventy-three completed surveys were returned. Students in the Core program were selected as the group most representative of the college overall, encompassing the widest range of ages and majors on campus.

Communication professor Alan Mikkelson assisted in designing the ques-

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS



tions asked and the methodology used to gather results.

The survey asked students to fill in their age, sex, semesters at Whitworth and academic standing as demographic

information. The survey also prompted students to disclose their religious affiliation, faith practices and changes in faith since coming to college. The final group of six questions rated students' agreement with a set of statements related to orthodox Christian doctrine. Taken together as an average, the answers to the six questions produce an "orthodoxy score" for the respondent.

Male responders accounted for 42.5 percent of the surveys, and females represented 57.5 percent.

Of the responses gathered, 95.9 percent of students indicated some form of Christianity as their religious affiliation. Two-point-seven percent indicated no religious affiliation, and 1.4 percent abstained from answering.

Orthodoxy at Whitworth College

Jesus was the divine Son of God.	96.3%
The Bible was inspired by God.	86.9%
The concept of God is relevant to the modern era.	95.4%
Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, God provided a way for the forgiveness of people's sins.	93.7%
There is a God who is aware of our actions.	95.3%
Jesus was crucified, died and was buried, but on the third day he arose from the dead.	95.2%
AVERAGE ORTHODOXY	93.8%

Percentages represent the level of agreement with the given statement. Respondents answered on a 7-point scale which was then converted to a percentage.

Scene

Students serve through Mexico trip

Joy Bacon
Scene Editor

Children run through the rutted streets against a backdrop of brightly painted buildings. Billboards advertise politicians promising change and new life. Neighborhood markets offer anything from shoes to produce to used stereo equipment. This is the Mexico that 18 students and two staff experienced during a Spring Break missions trip to Tijuana.

S.E.R.V.E. coordinator and sophomore Kacie Gartland organized the trip with hopes of exposing students to a different view of life. Amor Ministries accommodated the students.

"I wanted to give students a new experience that they wouldn't normally get during the school year," Gartland said.

During the six-day stay in Mexico, the group focused on building a two-room, 11 by 18-foot house from start to finish. Gartland designated team members to specific work teams, including construction leaders.

The rest of the group worked on mixing concrete, measuring and sawing all the boards, tarring the roof and stuccoing the exterior.

"The work was really well-balanced," freshman Libby Schmit said. "We had great leadership that weren't afraid to del-

egate, and everyone worked well together to get the job done."

In addition to the physical construction, many of the group members built relationships with local children and families.

"The kids helped out a lot, we made it almost like a game for them," Schmit said.

After a typical eight-hour work day, the group returned to its Amor campsite. More than 200 other workers shared the camp. A dinner team set to work preparing a simple meal, usually consisting of tortillas, beans and corn.

"I really liked the rhythm of our lives there," freshman Kristin Nilsson said. "We had a purpose to each day that wasn't about us. Everything was simplified."

Nilsson said she was frustrated with the language barrier at times, since she does not speak Spanish.

"It felt at first like people weren't as comfortable around me since I didn't know the language," Nilsson said.

Gartland began accepting applications for the trip last fall, and knowledge of Spanish was not a requirement. She originally planned to take 15 students. Gartland said after she saw the number of interested students, the limit was raised to 20.

Many members in the group saw the divisions between cultures blur as the week progressed.

"It tends to be an 'us vs. them,' when it



Photo courtesy of Samantha Kephart

Sophomore Kathryn McIvor shovels dirt into a sifter at a work site in Tijuana, Mexico with the help of Aylin, a girl who lives in the neighborhood.

should be a 'we' in general," Gartland said. "A smile on a face is the same no matter where you are."

Schmit said she was reluctant to return to life in the United States. She had attended mission trips to Mexico in the past, and said she was surprised at her different reaction.

"I wasn't able to distance myself from the people this time," Schmit said. "I felt

a strong pull to be back there, it just felt right to me."

Gartland said returning to Mexico next year will depend on the new S.E.R.V.E. coordinator, who will be hired in December. She said she hopes to see the trip continue in the future.

"I don't think sweat, tears and smiles can ever be as beautiful as they are when people are serving others," Gartland said.

EARTH: Club says individuals have influence

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Reid, a volunteer from Living Green with SNAP (Spokane Neighborhood Action Programs) presented information for living an eco-friendly life.

Twelve people came to the lecture.

"Waste reduction is key," Reid said. "Sadly the recycling program here at

Whitworth is less than desirable."

It is easy to make a difference as an individual.

"Pick three things you want to do, and just implement them into your daily routine," Reid said.

The United States produces 22 percent of the world's industrial carbon dioxide emissions.

Individuals in the indus-

trialized world use as much commercial energy as 10 people in the developing world.

The average American generates 52 tons of garbage by age 75.

"The overarching problem here is the impact humans are having on the globe," Weaver said. "The actions we make affect the whole world."

CLARIFICATION

Due to an editor's error, the acronym GLBTQ was incorrectly explained in the April 24 issue. The term stands for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning.

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Leola Dublin, doctoral student in American Studies, is developing WINGS, Women in Graduate Studies, a program that will bring teenage girls to Washington State University for mentorship from women in graduate school. Eventually, Dublin plans to implement WINGS at universities across the country.



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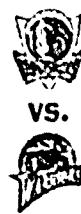
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The men's golf team poses with their third-straight Northwest Conference championship trophy on April 23. The Pirates shot the second-lowest total in NWC history on their way to the three-peat.

Photo courtesy of Jordan Carter

Three-Peat!

Derek Casanovas
Staff writer

The Whitworth Men's golf team completed a three-peat of Northwest Conference titles, locking up an automatic NCAA Division III tournament bid by winning the 2007 NWC Tournament at Tokatee Golf Club by 19 strokes last Monday.

Led by sophomore Steven Johnson's three-round score of 69-73-76 - 218, Whitworth shot the second lowest total score ever in NWC history with 870 total strokes. Only Pacific Lutheran's 2001 total score of 868 was better, when they beat second place UPS by 24 strokes.

"He's a solid player," junior Sean Thompson said of Johnson. "He played really well in the tournament."

Johnson won the individual medalist award for the tournament as the best golfer in the NWC tournament, becoming the second Pirate in a row to take home the award. Junior Andrew Parrott received the honor last year.

"Andrew played really well the

last few rounds," Thompson said.

Whitworth placed five golfers in the top eight of the tournament. Parrott finished strong after a tough first round, shooting an 80-70-71 - 221 and taking fourth place. Freshman Patrick Dorsing and Thompson tied Pacific Lutheran University's Chris Packard for fifth place at 222. Junior Jordan Carter finished tied for eighth at 223. Sophomore James Dykes (74-77-77 - 228) was five strokes behind Carter, leaving him tied for 16th place.

PLU shot a team score of 889, 15 ahead of third place and former NWC conference leader Linfield College at 904. Other team scores by Pacific University 910, Puget Sound University 922, Willamette University 935, Whitman College 962 and Lewis & Clark College 1,000 rounded out the tournament.

Tokatee, the tournament location, is about 35 miles outside of Springfield, Ore.

Hawthorn Country Club and Prairie View Country Club are the next two courses the Pirates will shoot at, as they will host the up-

coming NCAA Division III Men's Tournament from May 15-18. Two rounds will be played at each site, which are located right outside of Indianapolis, Ind. The win clinched the team's bid to the NCAA Tournament, the first year the conference's champion has had an automatic bid to the national competition.

Linfield clung to a slim one-point lead over Whitworth into last Monday's NWC Tournament, hoping to end Whitworth's run for a third consecutive title.

Whitworth's strong showing helped them leapfrog Linfield and finish with 26.5 points, three ahead of the Wildcats. PLU was a distant third at 19 points, with Pacific fourth at 16.

The remaining conference team points are: Puget Sound 15, Willamette 8, Whitman 4 and Lewis & Clark 0. Points are earned based upon performances at three conference-wide tournaments: the NWC Fall Classic, the NWC Spring Classic and the season-ending NWC Tournament.

"It culminated at the right time for us," Thompson said.

Hail to the Chief

Pirate picked 231st overall

Colin Storm
Sports editor

For the first time in 35 years, Whitworth College saw one of their very own get drafted into the National Football League.

Senior tight end Michael Allan became the first Whitworth football player drafted since 1972 when he was selected as the 231st pick overall in the seventh round of the draft by the Kansas City Chiefs last Sunday.

"Getting drafted by Kansas City today is like nothing I've ever felt before and I couldn't be happier," Allan said in a Whitworth athletics press release Sunday.

Many experts thought Allan, the first Div. III player drafted since 2003, could go as high as the third or fourth round.

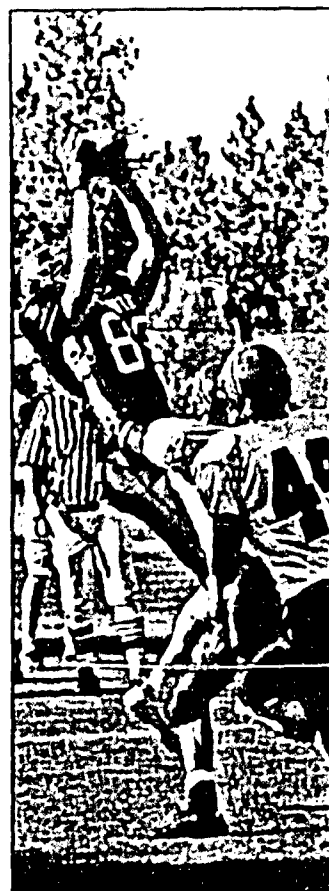
Allan impressed scouts at the NFL Combine last month as he posted the best broad jump and second best vertical leap and 40-yard dash among tight ends.

Allan spent the weekend at his home watching the NFL Draft with family and friends.

Allan's new team, the Chiefs, already have four tight ends on their roster including All-Pro tight end Tony Gonzales.

The Chiefs finished 9-7 in the AFC West last season, clinching a spot in the playoffs. They fell to the eventual champion Indianapolis Colts 23-8 in the first round.

Allan reports to Kansas City's new player training



Jesse Clark/Whitworthian

Senior tight end Michael Allan was drafted in the seventh round by the Kansas City Chiefs. Allan became the first Pirate drafted since 1972.

camp on May 10, which lasts until May 13.

"The nice thing about the Chiefs organization is they usually draft and develop, rather than draft and cut," Allan said in the press release. "There isn't the same sense of pressure. I'll have a chance to go in and work hard, learn the game and their system, and hopefully be ready to play more in a year."

Pirates come up short in bid for NWC crown



Jesse Clark/Whitworthian

Senior Lindsay Davis connects for a grand slam during the fourth inning of a 12-5 loss to Linfield last Saturday.

KT Pridgen
Staff writer

After losing both games on Saturday and winning the first on Sunday, Whitworth's hopes of the first Northwest Conference softball championship lay in the final game of the four-game series between Whitworth and Linfield College. However, the Pirates, ranked No. 8 in the nation, fell to the second-ranked Wildcats in the last game of the regular season.

"This is the second year for this coaching staff," assistant coach Larry Chatterton said. "We had a great year last year and this year was better."

Whitworth's record-breaking winning streak ended on Saturday when they lost both games to Linfield. Linfield soundly defeated Whitworth during both doubleheader games, winning 9-0 in five innings in the first

and 12-5 in the second.

The Pirates started out strong in their first game on Saturday when their defense got forced three outs in three batters for Linfield. However, things fell apart in the second inning when Linfield scored seven runs to pull away from Whitworth for good. The inning began with a home run hit by Jenna Loop and ended with a home run hit by Linfield's shortstop Meredith Brunette.

Linfield continued to hold Whitworth scoreless and scored twice more in the game during the fourth and fifth inning to end the game after the fifth.

During the second game on Saturday, the Pirates started on top after a home run by senior catcher Lindsay Davis. However, the Wildcats came back in the top of the second to score four runs and gain a three run lead. In the fourth, the Wildcats

took a commanding lead thanks to Brunette, who hammered a home run to left center field for a grand slam.

With Linfield up 8-1, Whitworth answered with a grand slam of their own in the bottom of the fourth. Davis connected for her second home run of the game, cutting Whitworth's deficit to three runs. With this home run, Davis also broke the school record for the most home runs in a single season. But Whitworth could not make up for the early deficit. Linfield scored four more times, twice in the fifth and twice in the seventh, to come away with the 12-5 win.

"We had full effort. We tried our hardest and played with our hearts," junior pitcher Jennifer Eckhoff said.

Coming into Sunday, the Pirates needed to win both games in order to claim the NWC championship. They had

a strong first game, winning 3-1. Linfield scored a run in the first inning, but Whitworth shut them out for the remainder of the game. Whitworth's big inning was the second when they earned their three runs on a home run by junior pitcher Jessie LaPlante.

After winning their first game, the Pirates found themselves in the exact position as last season, needing to win the final game in order to take the NWC championship. But their dreams ended as the Pirates fell 8-0 in five innings.

The Wildcats took a two run lead after the first inning, but ran away in the second. Linfield scored five runs in the second inning, helped by a homer from first baseman Amanda Atleberger and a double by Brunette. Linfield scored their

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Feeling Blue (and Orange) thanks to Florida

Peter Smelser
Editor-in-chief

Blue and orange is quite possibly the worst color combination ever. Which makes it unfortunate that in the sporting world 2007 is the year of blue and orange.

Let's take a closer look.

January 1 – Glendale, Ariz. It is the end of the 2006 college football season, but the beginning of 2007 when an unheralded team from Idaho took the national stage by storm.

The Boise State Broncos, with their blue and orange team colors, used hooks-and-laterals to sneak past Oklahoma 43-42 in overtime. Disgusting and yet remarkable, this game opened 2007 with style.

January 8 – Back to Glendale for the BCS Championship game. The undefeated No. 1 Ohio State Buckeyes drew first blood on the opening kickoff, as Ted Ginn Jr. returned it for a touchdown. But afterwards, Florida's

blue and orange took over. The Gators dominated all facets of the game and won 41-14.

February 2 – Miami was the host to a

FOR PETE'S SAKE

first black head coach to win an NFL championship and Peyton Manning got rid of the "loser" label-throwing for 247 yards and winning the MVP award.

April 2 – Atlanta was the site for the long awaited rematch between the Gators-Buckeyes, this time on the hard court. While the baby-Buckeyes, anchored by center Greg

Oden, put up a valiant effort the game was not really ever close. Florida and its blue and orange would not be denied back-to-back titles.

So what does the rest of 2007 have in store? Here are some predictions:

NHL – The Atlanta Thrashers and the New York Islanders both have blue and orange as their team colors. But both teams were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs. So a void has been left.

However, the Buffalo Sabres will hoist the Stanley Cup as champions of the hockey world. Why? The Sabres have the closest colors to blue and orange of any team left in the playoffs. They also knocked out a blue and orange team.

NBA – With only one playoff team donning blue and orange this year, the NBA will not be the exception. Sorry Golden State, you will play valiantly against Dallas, but will not prevail. The Mavs are going to have to go the distance in at least two playoff se-

ries, but with blue as their dominant team color, Dallas will win the NBA title (like in August).

College Baseball – Sorry Gators, you aren't going to win this title too. Omaha will witness the Cal State Fullerton Titans, with blue and orange colors, win this year's title in mid-June.

MLB – The National League will finally win an All-Star in early-July at AT&T Park in San Francisco. So, in the sixth game of the World Series in Detroit, the Tigers (with mostly blue and sometime orange team colors) will clinch the World Series title over the New York Mets (blue and orange). What a finale it will be.

This 2007 school year also marks the end of For Pete's Sake in The Whitworthian. However, it will move online to www.fortepessakeonline.blogspot.com. It has been a great three-and-a-half year run. Thanks for reading.

Aven, McCoola named All-Northwest Conference

Justin Jose
Staff writer

The Whitworth Pirates women's tennis team came into the 2007 season surrounded by uncertainty because of the departure of a few valuable players, sophomores Jamie Kneese and Chelsea Sweetin, from last year resulting in a smaller lineup.

The Bucs came out of the gates slowly, but as the season progressed, the women became a close-knit group pushing each other to compete in every match. The Pirates finished with a 10-12

overall record and a fifth place spot in conference by defeating Willamette University 5-4 in the Northwest Conference Tournament.

The team featured three seniors in the lineup and for senior Rachael McCoola, the year was a step in the right direction.

"Coming into the year we were not sure what to expect but once we began playing, we did very well," McCoola said.

McCoola was quick to point out the unity of the team as the season evolved.

"We were a smaller team that really got along well," McCoola said. "The camaraderie of the team was very good."

"The camaraderie of the team was very good."

Rachael McCoola,
senior

The women went to Hilton Head, S.C. for Spring Break where they competed against

stiff competition from east coast teams.

"Instead of going to San Diego for Spring Break we went to South Carolina and played some challenging teams from the east coast which was a great experience," McCoola said.

Last week, McCoola and sophomore Linh Aven were selected to the all-Northwest Conference second team. This award signifies the growth that the women's team experienced.

McCoola played No. 1 singles, finishing with a 5-16 record while going 11-8 as the No. 2 doubles

team with senior Betsy Johnson. Aven compiled a 6-16 record at No. 2 singles and 8-14 mark at No. 1 doubles with senior Katie Troxell.

"I was really surprised by the award," McCoola said. "The thought never really crossed my mind this year in regards to getting an award but I am honored and excited to receive this accolade."

The Pirates will return three women to their lineup next year, but this year's seniors will be missed. McCoola, Johnson and Troxell graduate this spring.

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Junior college transfer finds home at Whitworth

Renee Huggins
Staff writer

Not every junior college transfer fits into his new surroundings well, but senior Brandon Zimmerman does not fit that mold.

At 6'3" the Spokane, Wash. native graduated from Shadle Park High School in 2003. Before making Whitworth College his home, Zimmerman made a pit stop at Spokane Falls Community College. He got his AA and played junior college ball.

"Junior college is not less competitive than Division III, but there is more talent," Zimmerman said.

Most athletes in the junior college system are "draft and follows." Most of the students are already prospective options for a professional team so they play for a year and then, if it is a good year, they enter the big league.

When a student athlete attends a four-year institution, he is supposed to play for three years before he can enter the draft.

"The biggest difference for me, personally in playing baseball for Whitworth against playing for the Falls, is going from a reliever to a starter," Zimmerman said.

Other than this year, Zimmerman has not been a starting pitcher since his junior year of high school. Along with the pitching change, Zimmerman and other players coming from junior colleges have had to deal with the difference in bats.

"In junior college they use wood bats and in Division III schools we use aluminum bats. That was another big change for me," Zimmerman said.

The friendships among his fellow teammates has allowed Zimmerman to enjoy Whitworth on and off the field.

"The ball players at the Falls were not Christian and most were the kind of guys that I would not want to hang around with," Zimmerman said. "It is easier to gain friendships here than in junior college too, because most people there don't stick around for that long."

As a transfer student Zimmerman came to Whitworth at junior status.

"It was weird because I felt like a freshman, slightly below the upperclassmen on the team, but I was the same age as them," he said.

Zimmerman also had to adjust his academic lifestyle as well.

"I have never had to try really hard in my classes to get good grades. High school and community college were pretty laid back, but at Whitworth, I am engaging myself more and working harder to get the grades I want. There are definitely higher standards here than in high school or the Falls," Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman is in his fourth year of eligibility and will not be returning to the field next year. He will take a couple more classes in the fall to complete his degree.

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final run in the fourth inning, continuing to hold Whitworth scoreless until the end of the game.

"We played with our heads up. We didn't give up and battled to the end," Chatterton said. "We could have anywhere from four

to six girls of the all-conference team. That's some incredible seasons."

For placing first in NWC, Linfield was awarded an automatic bid to regionals. Whitworth hopes to pick up an at-large bid to regionals, but will not learn if they have until next weekend.

"We fully expect to go

to regionals and win some games. We'd be shocked if we didn't get in," Chatterton said. "I think we can play with anyone in the nation."

The players are also excited for the potential bid to nationals.

"We're hoping to get into nationals and see Linfield again," Eckhoff said.

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Seahawks' decision to pass on Allan could hurt

Mike Novasky
Staff writer

"With the 231st pick in the draft, the Kansas City Chiefs select, from Whitworth College..."

"Wait, Whitworth College? Isn't that in Walla Walla?"



Thus is the reputation of a Div. III college. And with less than 3,000 students, that is about all that you can expect.

But on Sunday, Whitworth College may have just become something more. "Isn't that where Michael Allan went to school?"

On Sunday, Allan became the first Div. III player to be drafted since 2003. And, coupled with UW-Whitewater wideout Derek Stanley, he became the first tandem of Div.

III players drafted since 2002.

Sure, Allan was a modest seventh round pick. Modest, considering he was projected by many to go in the fourth or fifth round. But he will nonetheless begin his career in the NFL next year with the Kansas City Chiefs.

And what better place to develop his raw, but promising, skills than behind the greatest tight end of our generation, Tony Gonzalez? An ideal match for his combination of speed, size and hands, Gonzalez could be the perfect mentor for Allan.

Maybe through the tutelage of Gonzalez, Allan could eventually become a Pro Bowler.

But it hurts to think he could have been a Seahawk.

With the loss of Jerramy Stevens and Itula Mili, the Seahawks needed a tight end. Badly. And not just any tight end, but one that would fit into the west coast offense Mike Holmgren loves to run.

Michael Allan could have done that nicely.

Already a skilled receiver with breakaway speed atypical for a tight end, Allan would have looked nice catching passes from Matt Hasselback, something Stevens could never do consistently.

But they passed him over.

Granted, drafting Allan would have been a project for Seattle. After all, Div. III football and Pro Bowl don't generally go together. We still must take into consideration the learning curve that goes with jumping from Div. III to the NFL.

Imagine going from blocking a guy like NWC sack leader Andrew Eisentrout, who checks in at a generally intimidating 6-4, 230, to blocking Jevon Kearse, or All-Juiced-Team leader Shawne Merriman.

But at the very least Allan has the rough potential to become a solid starter in the NFL. And as a hometown boy who went to high school just across Lake Washington in Bel-

levue and then to college here at Whitworth, what other community would be more interested in a project like this than Seattle?

Learning under veterans like Marcus Pollard, Holmgren and tight ends coach Jim Lind, Allan might have been ready in three or four years. As a Seahawk.

Instead, the Seahawks will be left with Will Heller and an aging Pollard for the next few years.

And Whitworth fans will be left to cheer for a member of the former division rival Kansas City Chiefs, or current division rival if you're one of the large contingent of Whitworth Broncos fans.

Despite that small obstacle, Whitworthians are looking forward to following and being a part of Allan's career. It's just too bad Seahawks fans couldn't as well.

Continue to read Mike Novasky's "West Coast Bias" column at wc-bias.blogspot.com.

Class of 2007 transformed athletics at Whitworth

Colin Storm
Sports editor

Growing up on campus, I've witnessed many exciting moments in Whitworth sports. But most have come in the last four years.



This graduating class of 2007 has helped transform sports at Whitworth

from the occasional great team (i.e. 1996 men's basketball team, for whom I can still recite the whole roster), to a consistent tradition of powerhouse sports teams.

For example, maybe the most exciting sports event I've been to in my lifetime was the Elite Eight soccer game held here in 2005.

The men's team, led in part by current seniors Kevin Bostock, Niko Varlamos and Ali Seyedali, fielded a charging comeback on Trinity to tie the game up at 1-1, heading to OT. This, of course, would not have happened without Bostock's point-blank save late in the game or then-redshirt junior, now senior, Chris Johnson's late goal to tie the game.

The rest was history as Todd Sabrowski sealed the deal, scoring the decisive sudden-death goal to send the team to the Final Four and an eventual third place finish.

Or take the football team, whose senior leadership from Joel Clark, Michael Allan and Steve Honeyman, to name a few, led the Pirates to our first ever 10-0 season. First ever. In 100 years. And now Allan is playing for the Kansas City

Chiefs in the NFL.

Or cross country where Jeff Grassley's consistency provided leadership for the younger runners, or where Julie Lauterbach's quiet, yet dominating performance also provided a spark. Lauterbach, if you recall, even raced one of the biggest meets of her life barefoot.

Women's soccer would have one of the best senior classes in history if not for injury, but Nicole Starkey, Megan Johnson and Katy Jones, all starters or significant role players, is still a lot to lose.

The senior class in basketball is probably one of the best, if not the best, in college history. Bryan Williams' steady and dominating performance was Steve Nash-like. He scored when he had to, but he mostly set up teammates. And, oh yeah, he was named the MVP.

Jon Young's sharpshooting, James Jones' consistency and his ability to step up in big games (just look at his 2005-06 stats against nationally-ranked UPS) and Kevin Hasenfus' ability to dominate the paint and boards led to a record-breaking season.

Lindsay Davis' ability to hit home runs (and occasionally grand slams) will be sorely missed on the softball diamond and the tennis team will miss Michael Carlson's consistency. No matter who we were playing, we knew we had a chance in Carlson's match.

Rachael McCoola was All-NWC for tennis her senior year, while current senior Katie Troxell was All-NWC her freshman year.

In all this senior class has been a part of eight NWC Championship teams, including 10 nation-

ally-ranked teams. They've hosted national championship tournament games. They've produced three All-Americans, three NWC MVP's (a fourth was injured and redshirted a year), had nine First Team All-NWC selections and another 11 were named Second Team. This senior class has helped produce eight NWC Championships and many more runner ups. This senior class helped Whitworth win our first All-Sports trophy ever and has led Whitworth to two runner-up performances since.

Needless to say, this class has been one for the ages. I'm privileged to be part of it.

Continue to read Colin Storm's "Eye of the Storm" column at eyeofthestormcolumn.blogspot.com.

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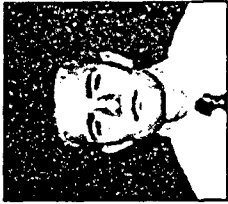
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Men's Basketball

"These four seniors led the Pirates to the highest winning percentage in the history of basketball at Whitworth College, a final ranking of No. 9 in the nation and our school's first ever NCAA Tournament win. They left their mark on our school and represented us all in a first-class manner. We hate to see them leave us."



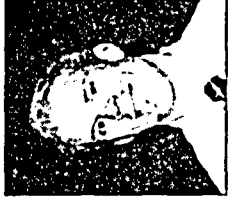
Bryan Williams
"The Conference Player of the Year and arguably the best point guard ever at Whitworth College. He holds many career records and played nearly every minute of every game for four years. He was a great person to coach."



James Jones
"Showed himself this year as one of the most effective offensive players in the conference. James matured as a senior and was rewarded with a First Team All-Conference selection. I will miss James' witty intellect and dry sense of humor."



Jon Young
"Jon was our top defensive player. He was one of the top three point shooters in the country. He finished as one of the top scorers in Whitworth College history. Jon was a great leader of our team. He is someone I have really grown to love and will miss him a lot."



Kevin Hasenfus
"The 'Big Jax' owned the paint and the boards for us and established himself as one of the best big men in our conference. He was a joy to coach and made everyone around him joyful."

Swimming

"I'll miss them greatly. I hope they will all continue to keep in touch and I'm excited to see where life takes them once they graduate!"



Nathan Newberg
"A team leader in both action and word. He brought a great sense of humor to practices and has been an intense competitor for us."



Katelyn Erickson
"What a phenomenal presence she has had on our team. Great team captain and leader. She's a talented swimmer to boot! You can't easily replace someone like her."

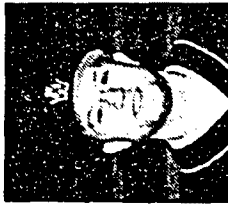


Brittany Slont
"She has served as our both athlete and student coach over her four years and did a great job at both. I will miss her toughness and tenacity. She worked as hard as anyone and there."

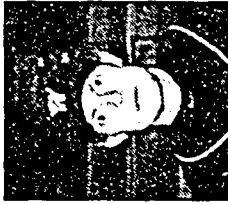
Baseball

"We have leadership from both the returners and the new players. Brandon Zimmerman and Ryne Webb are providing more leadership in their second year here, while our four-year guys such as Van Liernan (and) Joel Tاملen ... are also being leaders in different ways."

—Keith Ward in pre-season press release



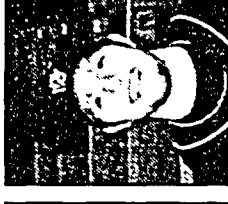
Ryne Webb
Led team with .308 batting average and 44 hits, had 942 fielding percentage after starting all 17 games at shortstop, transferred from Community College of Spokane.



Brandon Zimmerman
Went 12-9 during his two years at Whitworth after transferring from Spokane Falls Community College, second in team in innings pitched with 59.2, threw three complete games.

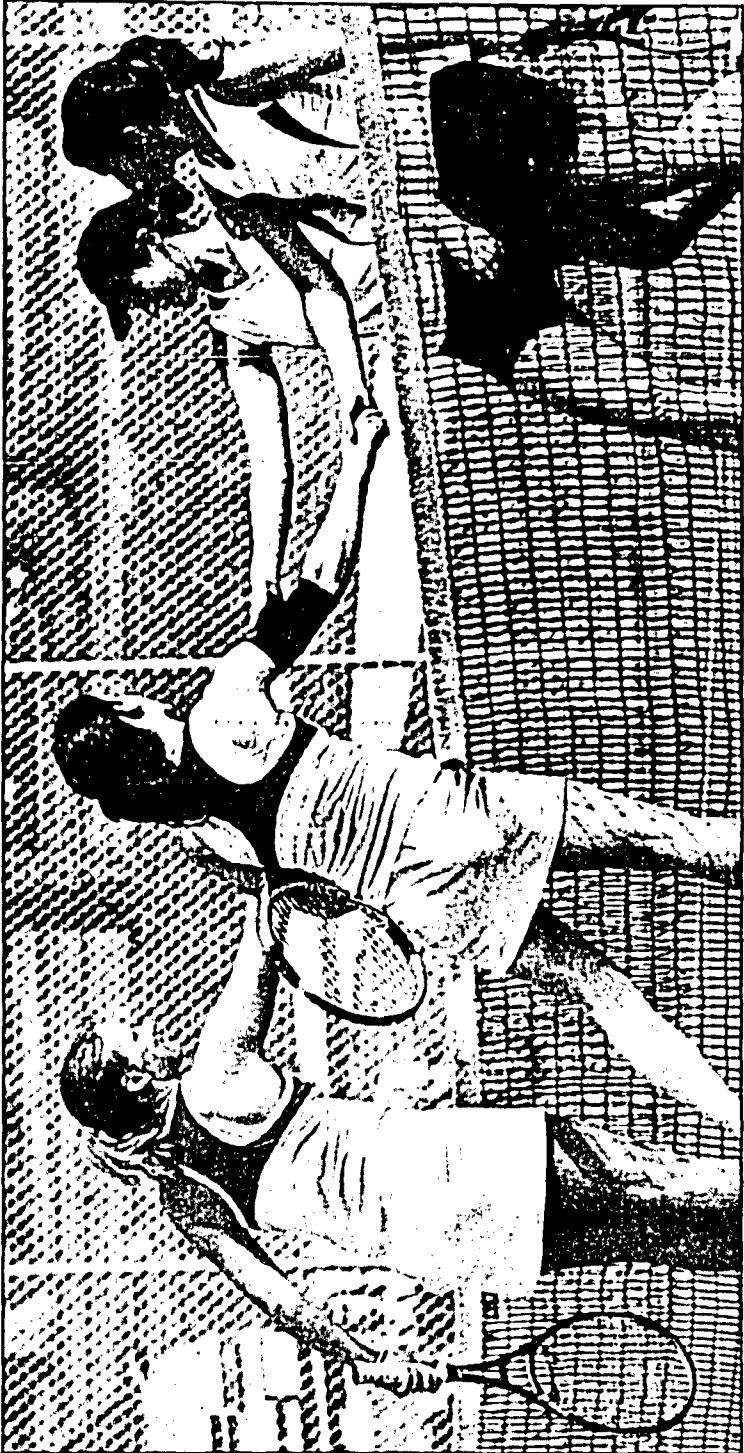


Van Liernan
Batted .279 in his senior campaign, had .990 fielding percentage after starting 36 games in center field, led team with .484 on base percentage, drawing a team-high 35 walks.



Joel Tاملen
Batted .280 while starting 34 games, had a .432 slugging percentage, drove in 22 RBI's while splitting time at first base and catcher, was successful in only seven at-bats.

Spring Senior Tribute



Seniors Rachael McCoola and Betsy Johnson finish their match against University of Puget Sound on April 6. McCoola and Johnson won at No. 2 doubles 9-7 in this match, on their way to a 5-4 victory over UPS. McCoola and Johnson each played four years for the Pirates.

Women's Tennis

"The seniors as a whole were the glue that held the team together. They loved their teammates and made us larger than the sum of our parts by establishing a chemistry that made us a family; the team played for each other and rejoined in each other's accomplishments. As a result we achieved success on the court that was not predicted of us. We will miss them greatly and will not be able to replace what they brought to the program."



Betsy Johnson
"Senior captain and fierce competitor. Betsy is a feisty player and inspired her teammates by coming out on top of every close match she won in, and winning a few incredible come-from-behind victories."



Rachael McCoola
"Senior captain and great leader. Rachael was the one to embrace new players each year and make them feel welcome on the team."



Katie Troxell
"Senior captain and wonderful disposition. Katie set the tone for the excellent reputation our team had for good sportsmanship."

Men's Tennis

"I truly believe that this senior class worked harder than any seniors I've ever had before. The three guys weren't all-Americans, but they're all-Americans in my mind. These are the nicest guys that you'd ever want to know. What a great experience having these guys on the team."



Michael Carlson
"Ahh, four-year starter Michael Keith Carlson. What else to say about Michael than he is an amazing individual. This team and this school will miss him greatly."



Colin Storm
"Colin has been an integral part of this team for three years. He plays extremely hard. He is the only guy I know that knows more about sports than I do."



Trevor Strang
"Trevor was always there when we needed him for his two years. As a Psychology major, whenever we'd say something weird, you'd see him scratching his chin as if 'Hmmm, what does that mean?'"

Softball

"The 2007 senior class consisted of Lindsay Davis until Jodi Schock came to us last season. They both played an important role in the success of our 2006 season. Lindsay was a leader behind the plate and Jodi did a fine job for us in center field. They are both talented athletes who contributed knowledge of the game. It was a pleasure to coach both of them these last two years. I know they will leave Whitworth and be successful in the careers they choose."



Lindsay Davis
"Lindsay was our team captain this year. Her hard work and dedication at practice reflected her play come game time. She is a person that absolutely loved the game of softball, which adds to her success as an athlete."



Jodi Schock
"Jodi returned this year for her second season with Whitworth. She has filled many roles and been a utility outfielder for us. The knowledge of the game that she has will help her become a successful teacher and coach in the future."

Track and Field

"The five track and field seniors contributed much during their time in the program. Although the number is few, the void left by them will be vast."



Jeff Grassley
"Grass has been the catalyst to the growth and success of the men's distance program over the past four years. Grass made an immediate impact in his freshman year and will be looked back upon as the foundation of any future success."



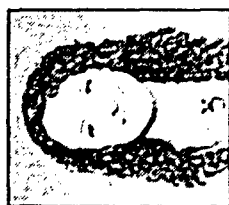
Clark Pauls
"As a former basketball player in high school, Clark spent four years learning three different field events and helped the team by performing those events very well. The success of Joey Kim, Bloomston and Jeff Kimmer this spring is contributed greatly to the leadership and mentoring that Clark provided these two underclassmen."



Erin Kimura
"As a two year captain, E provided much needed leadership to a mostly underclassmen team. It was exciting to see E's hard work pay off with a huge lifetime PR's this season."



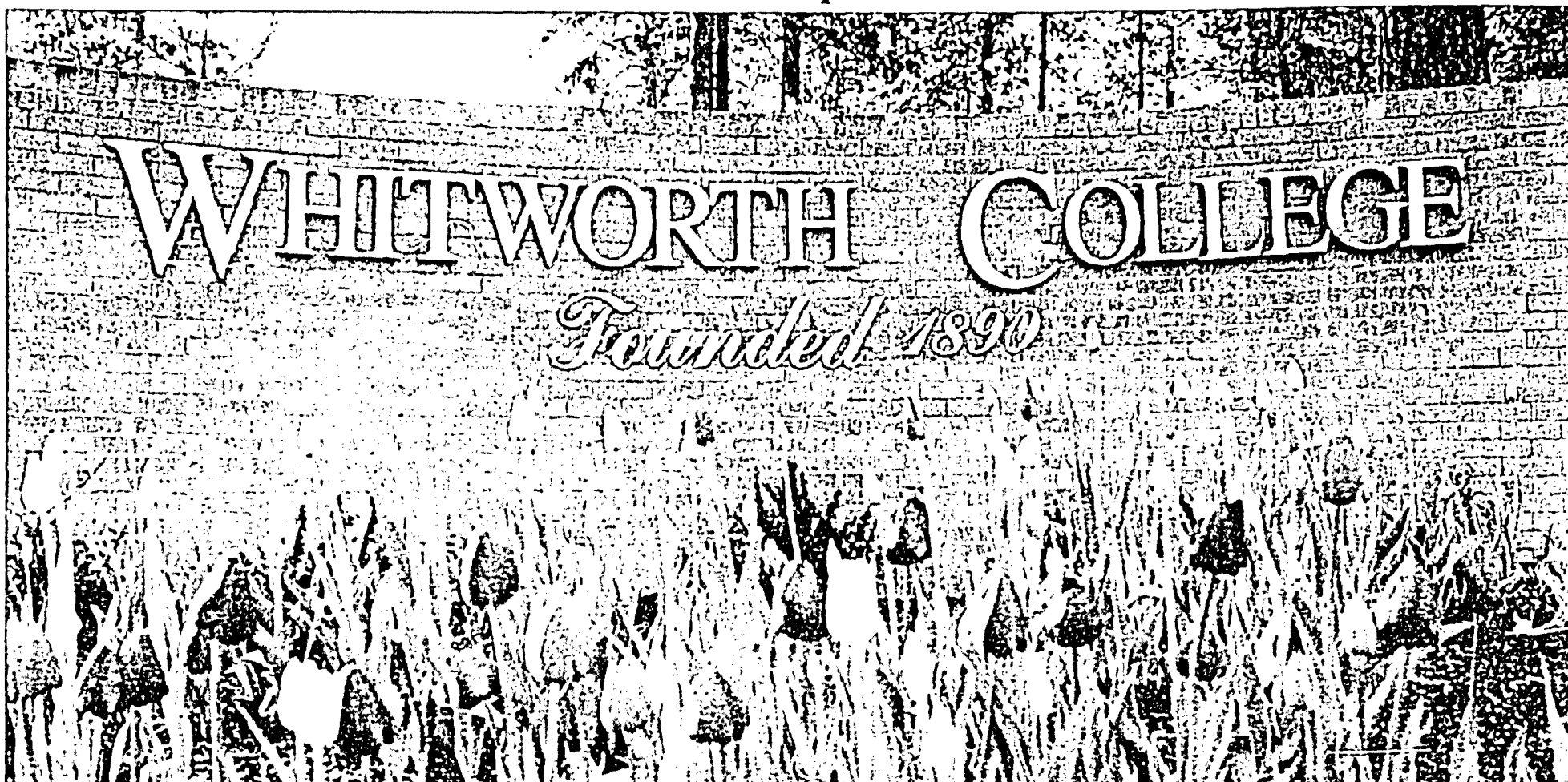
Sara Morehouse
"If there were an award for going out with a bang, Sara would have earned it this year. Sara was very committed to the program for four years and capped off her career with big PR's in the Conference Championship meet in both of her events."



Suzy Vidulich
"Suzy brought a lot of talent and personality to the team her first two years. After sitting out her junior year, coming back for her senior season was a blessing to the team. Suzy not only won the Conference Championship in the high jump, but she brought much needed leadership and joy to the program."

Senior Jeff Grassley was a leader on and off the track during his four years. Grassley ran a 4:05.26 in the 1,500 meter run on April 14.

Quotes from head coaches of each sport: Jim Hayford (Men's Basketball), Steve Schadt (Swimming), Toby Schwarz (Track & Field), Keith Ward (Baseball), Fuzzy Buckenberger (Softball), Mike Shanks (Men's Tennis) and Jo Wagstaff (Women's Tennis)



TOP: The Whitworth College entrance last Sunday.

Jesse Clark Whitworthian

TOP FAR LEFT: Senior Aubrey Prince attempts to swallow during the burrito eating contest last Friday.

Katie Alamine Whitworthian

FAR LEFT MIDDLE: Sophomore Dane Ueland plays at the Blood:Water Mission concert in Duvall last Saturday.

Tyler Zuck Whitworthian

FAR LEFT: Security drives through the loop during an April 24th frisbee game.

Photo courtesy of Heather De Camp

ABOVE RIGHT: Stewart residents wait for the all-clear from security after a fire alarm last Saturday night.

Thomas Robinson Whitworthian

MIDDLE: Junior Kyle Navis eats steak at the Arend barbecue last April 21.

Ph. to courtesy of Matt Dearing

ABOVE: Junior Cata Andaluz reflects at the Nishinomiya Japanese Garden in Manito Park.

Li Bowie Whitworthian

LEFT: Students participate in the International Justice Mission pillow fight last Saturday.

Tyler Zuck Whitworthian

This is the end, my only friend, the end. Goodbye Whitworth College.